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Fraser warns 41 states on Namibia

MELBOURNE, Australia, Sept. 30 (AP) — The 41-nation Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting opened Wednesday with a strong plea by Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser for member countries to avoid a split over the political situation in southern Africa.

In his welcoming speech to heads of government, who represent one quarter of the world's population, Fraser said there were differences over what should be done in South-West Africa, or Namibia, where South Africa is resisting a United Nations call for self-determination.

"As always in the modern Commonwealth we are faced with very serious questions arising directly or indirectly out of the situation in southern Africa," Fraser said.

"The issues they raise are very complex ones and inevitably there will be some differences among us concerning what should be done."

He said all Commonwealth countries believed Namibia should obtain independence from South Africa in line with United Nations Resolution 435 and that South Africa should not be allowed to stand in the way.

Fraser implied that the committee could provide a forum if difference rather than agreement about South Africa were emphasized. The Commonwealth countries oppose apartheid, South Africa's system of racial separation and sports contacts with South Africa.

"These points of overwhelming agreement must be kept firmly in mind in our deliberations," he said. "So must the need to project the Commonwealth as an enduring forum for the resolution of the grave problems the regions face."

Fraser's remarks on Namibia reflected the increasing likelihood that Namibia and South Africa will dominate the eight day meeting. Despite British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's view that the meeting was not the place for such discussions.

These would be left to the United Nations and a five-nation group attempting to promote a settlement. Thatcher said in an interview broadcast Wednesday.

In his speech at the Melbourne Town Hall, Fraser welcomed Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert Mugabe, whose country achieved independence last year as a result of agreements made at the Commonwealth meeting in Lusaka in 1979.

Senate approves \$1 trillion debt

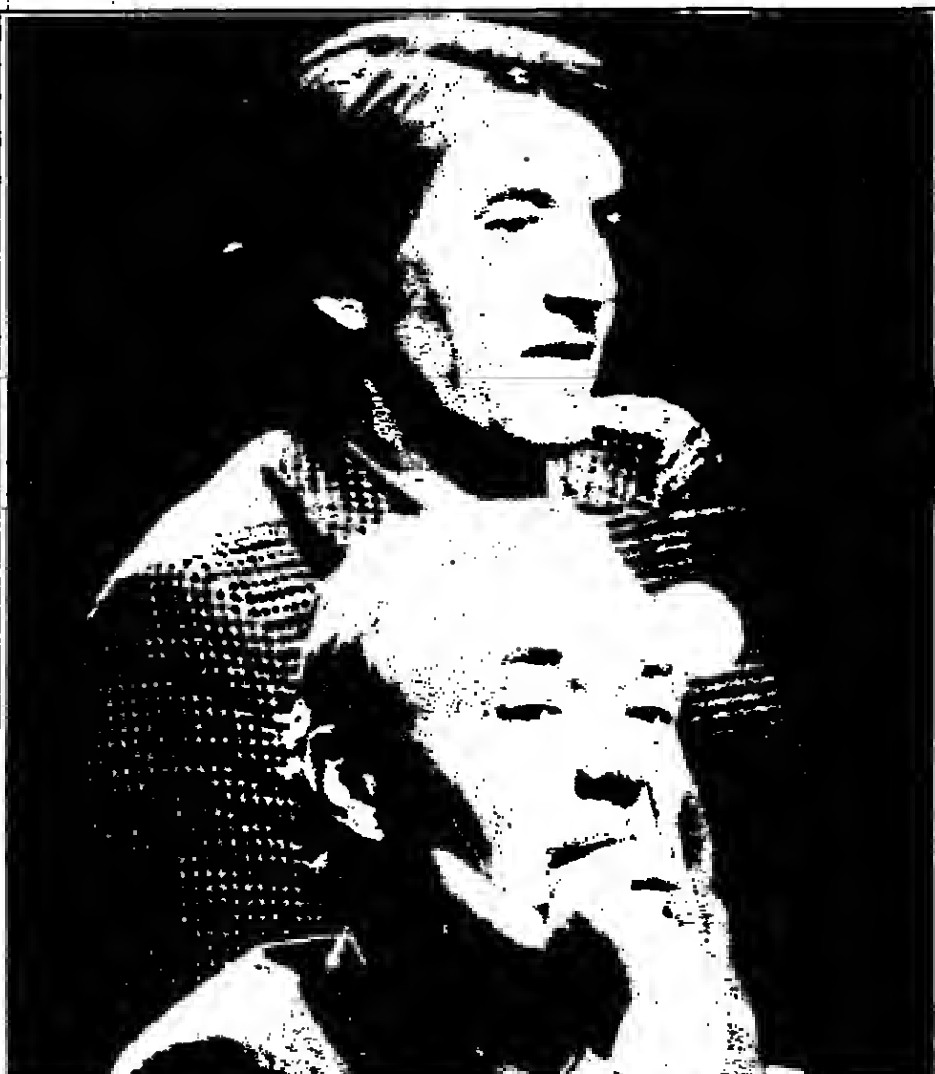
WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 (AP) — The Senate passed and sent to President Ronald Reagan a bill boosting the United States national debt limit past one trillion dollars for the first time. The bill will permit the U.S. government to borrow the money it needs to pay bills in the fiscal year beginning Thursday.

The measure was passed by a vote of 64-34 after Republican leaders fought off a series of amendments that would have sent it back to the Democrat-dominated House of Representatives. The house had approved the bill earlier, but Republican leaders feared it might balk at endorsing it again.

It is the fifth increase in the debt limit since 1978, when the limit was \$798 billion and the actual debt at the end of the fiscal year was \$772.69 billion. The new ceiling of \$1.079 trillion, already approved by the house, would amount to \$4,694.20 for American man, woman and child.

The bill must reach Reagan's desk by Wednesday night in order for the government to have continued borrowing authority when the new fiscal year begins Thursday.

The Treasury Department has told Congress it will run out of cash next Monday. If its borrowing authority is not extended, this would mean that for the first time in history government checks would not be honored when presented for payment. Senate majority leader Howard Baker said.



LEFT WINGERS: Passively considering unilateralism during Wednesday's Labor Party conference are Tony Benn in the foreground and fellow leftwinger Dennis Skinner.

Including Cruise missiles

Laborites scrap N-arms

BRIGHTON, England, Sept. 30 (AP) — Britain's opposition Labor Party voted by a two-thirds majority Wednesday to scrap the country's nuclear weapons unilaterally and to ban U.S. Cruise missiles. But Labor delegates, on the fourth day of their annual conference, soundly rejected a leftist proposal that Britain pull out of the 15-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

The weapons vote marked Labor's first unequivocal commitment to unilateral nuclear disarmament — which the ruling Conservative Party and critics within Labor charge would seriously undermine Britain's role in NATO.

"We are unilateralists," legislator Joan Lester, a member of Labor's policy-forming national executive committee told cheering delegates. "Unilateral disarmament would mean that Britain would scrap its nuclear arsenal independent of the Soviet Union, the United States or any other nation."

Some delegates jeered when Sir John Boyd, a leader of the right-wing Engineers' Union, declared: "The people of this country will not vote into power any party which leaves our country defenseless."

Boyd's union was the only major trade union to oppose unilateralism. Other opposing speakers charged that Britain would become West Europe's "free-loaders" in defense under Labor's policy.

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Will produce B-1 bomber

U.S. decides on MX

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan, after months of intense study has decided to base 100 MX nuclear missiles among 1,000 shelters in the western United States, a knowledgeable Senate source said Wednesday.

The source also said Reagan, who will announce his long-range defense plans Friday, wants to manufacture the B-1 bomber rejected by former President Carter, develop Stealth bombers able to elude enemy radar and beef up the U.S. continental air defenses.

But the source, who requested anonymity, said he understands the president has not yet decided where to site the missiles — whether to shuttle them between 1,000 shelters that would be built on federal property in Nevada and Utah or to base some of the missiles in existing minuteman ICBM silos in other states.

Minuteman silos are concentrated in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Wyoming.

Earlier, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said Reagan had made a decision on basing the missiles. But news reports, which said the president had picked sites for the missiles, were riddled with error, he added.

Spokesmen for several members of Congress said, meanwhile, that they had been trying to straighten out the conflicting reports. An aide to Representative Jim Santini said, "We've been up a good part of the night and this morning trying to confirm what the president has settled on, but without success."

White House officials, said Santini aide Mary Lou Cooper, refused comment on the briefing reports and did not reply immediately to a request for a briefing on the decision.

Other congressional sources said the White House had not conducted any briefings on the MX decision for members of Congress.

All three major television networks reported Tuesday that Reagan had decided to build a land-based MX system but had rejected specific details of the "shell game" proposed by Carter.

Those reports, and one other agreed essentially that Reagan would opt for a smaller version of the Carter proposal, placing the missiles in Nevada and possibly Utah and the Dakotas.

"It's an awesome responsibility to take on the Washington Post and all the networks," Weinberger said on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America." "But the simple fact of the matter is that I have never in my experience seen so many errors about so many different parts of a single story."

He refused to discuss specifics until the Friday announcement.

Carter had decided against building the B-1 as a replacement for the fleet of aging B-52 bombers. The new planes, Carter had said, would be obsolete even before they were built.

Discussing the various MX reports, Weinberger said, "I've said from the beginning if people would only wait until the president has made his decision and made his announcement we'd all get it accurate. But nobody seems to want to be in favor of accuracy. Everybody seems to want to be there first. And as a result a very substantial amount of confusion has been created."

The defense secretary added that it was "totally correct," however, that Reagan had made a decision.

The president is to conduct a nationally televised news conference from the White House Thursday — his fourth in eight months and first since June 16. But his announcement on the MX system and the design of the next U.S. long-range bomber will be delayed until the next day.

Carter had called for locating 200 MX missiles among 4,600 bomb-resistant shelters in Nevada and Utah. Reagan criticized that plan during his campaign, and it has come under attack from state governments, farmers, environmentalists and the Mormon church.



MISSILE DECISION: President Reagan has decided to go ahead with his MX missile plans but has not yet announced his defense strategy.

Haig rushes to save deal on AWACS

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 30 (AP) — In a surprise move, Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig canceled meetings with six foreign ministers here Wednesday and returned to Washington in what clearly was a last-ditch effort to save the AWACS aircraft sale to Saudi Arabia. The White House has put Haig back in charge of the administration's effort to negotiate an arrangement with Saudi Arabia.

"We're taking it hour by hour," said one senior administration official describing the AWACS sale prior to Haig's departure. Haig had been scheduled to meet at the United Nations Wednesday with the foreign ministers of Canada, Mexico, Portugal, Tunisia, Syria and Pakistan. All of these meetings were canceled.

An official, who did not want to be identified, said Haig would try to reschedule them later. Haig already was scheduled to testify on Thursday on the AWACS sale before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

An official said he plans to return to New York Thursday evening for a final round of meetings in connection with the current session of the U.N. General Assembly. One late addition to his Friday schedule may be a meeting with Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, but U.S. officials said Wednesday such a meeting isn't yet definite.

A State Department official objected to a comment attributed to a high White House official that Haig had been given the chief responsibility for dealing with the Kingdom.

"The fact of the matter is, it never left the State Department," said the official, who didn't want to be identified. Haig said on Tuesday he "wouldn't discount any possibility" in seeking "certain articulations or arrangements" that would satisfy the objections of members of Congress.

The administration planned to send formal notice to Congress Wednesday of the \$5 billion AWACS and arms package for Saudi Arabia.

In Copenhagen, former President Gerald R. Ford telephoned members of the U.S. Senate to round up support for the sale of the AWACS. Ford said his lobbying effort, begun after contacts from the Reagan administration, found widespread misunderstanding among some senators about the timing of the proposed deal. He predicted that the sale eventually will be carried out.

Crash kills 4 Iranian generals

BEIRUT, Lebanon, Sept. 30 (AP) — Iran announced Wednesday its four top military commanders were killed in a plane crash south of Tehran and said it thwarted plots by secular leftist foes to assassinate the chief justice and the nation's police chief. Both announcements were made separately over the state-run Tehran Radio as supporters and opponents of Ayatollah Khomeini's regime plunged into a new round of street clashes in Tehran and hit-and-run assassinations in the provinces.

A government statement broadcast by the radio said documents revealing plots to assassinate chief justice and interim presidency council member Abdolkarim Ardabili as well as police chief Col. Ibrahim Hejazi were confiscated from secret rebel hideouts raided in the last 24 hours.

The statement did not say whether the documents were found in "team houses" raided in Tehran or elsewhere in the provinces. But an official at Ardabili's office, reached by telephone from Beirut, said the discovery enabled authorities to foil the plot.

Ardabili succeeded chief justice and strongman Ayatollah Muhammad Beheshti who was assassinated in a bomb blast that wrecked the Tehran headquarters of his ruling Islamic Republic Party June 29. Seventy-one other IRP cabinet ministers, parliament members and functionaries were also killed in the blast.

Hejazi replaced Col. Hooshang Dastgerdi, who died in the firebomb assassination of President Muhammad Ali Rajai and Prime Minister Muhammad Bahonar in the premier's office in Tehran Aug. 30.

A communiqué from the joint chiefs of staff said Defense Minister Musa Namju, acting chief of staff Maj. Gen. Valeollah Fallahi, former Defense Minister and Air Force Commander Javad Fakuri and Islamic Revolutionary Guard Deputy Commander Mohsen-Rahim Kolahodj were killed in the crash.

The communiqué said their C-130 military transport aircraft plunged into the Tigris square of Kahrizak, a suburban neighborhood 20 kilometers (13 miles) south of central Tehran on a flight from the Arabian Gulf battle front to the capital Tuesday evening.

The announcement coincided with reports of renewed street clashes between Khomeini's supporters and opponents in the streets of Tehran two days before the nation's third presidential elections to choose a successor to slain President Muhammad Ali Rajai.

A spokesman for the Tehran command of the Revolutionary Guards Corps told the Associated Press in Beirut by telephone that clashes flared with small groups of Mujahadeen Khatoli demonstrators in the capital's main avenues of Valiasr, Eoghelab and Ferdousi Wednesday.

Khaled receives Kuwait message

JEDDAH, Sept. 30 (SPA) — King Khaled received a message Wednesday from the ruler of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah. It was delivered by Abdul Rahman Al Atriji, special advisor to the ruler at the royal palace here.

The meeting was attended by Crown Prince Fahd, and Defense Minister Prince Sultan.

Atriji returned to Kuwait in the afternoon.

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Mitterrand's visit found beneficial

TAIF, Sept. 30 (AP) — French President Francois Mitterrand's bid to strengthen relations with Saudi Arabia, France's largest supplier of crude oil, was beneficial for both countries.

French officials said the purpose of the visit, which ended Monday, was to reassure the Kingdom about France's new economic programs and the continuation of the Mideast policies of Mitterrand's Gaullist predecessors.

The officials said Mitterrand was bent on underscoring France's reliability as a friend of the Arabs and a counterbalance to the close ties between Saudi Arabia and the United States.

At the end of the three-day visit Mitterrand and Crown Prince Fahd in a joint press conference called for closer consultations and stronger relations between the two countries.

Prince Fahd said the visit "proves that our friendship was with the French people and not any particular party, or any particular man."

Mitterrand lauded Prince Fahd's eight-point Mideast peace plan as most important element in recent years and as a "new start for bringing together the viewpoints."

He said he was generally in agreement with

the principles of the plan, but he stopped short of fully endorsing it. While Prince Fahd called for a return of Israel to its pre-1967 borders, Mitterrand said that he understood the Muslim concern for Jerusalem and that it was an issue that required further discussion.

Despite the differences, Mitterrand's praise of the plan probably was as far as he could go without risking his friendship with Israel. The differences were belittled by Prince Fahd who praised the French refusal to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

The differences were not fundamental, said Prince Fahd, but "had to do with the search for the best solution." The Saudi Arabian peace plan, he said, was a set of principles that "do not exclude debate." These differences, however, were in fact far outweighed by the goodwill that was generated by the visit. Saudi Arabian sources commented, France imports more than 53 percent of its crude oil from Saudi Arabia. The Saudi Arabian-French balance of trade shows a deficit of more than \$5 billion in Saudi Arabia's favor. The French would clearly like to narrow this gap through increased exports to the Kingdom.

The new Socialist government also needs

Saudi Arabia's confidence in its economic and monetary programs, if it is to retain Saudi Arabia's investments in Paris banks and successfully defend the franc on foreign exchange markets. "We were careful to make sure that foreign investments were protected in our nationalization programs," said Mitterrand at the press conference.

While the French gains from the visit are largely economic, the Saudi Arabians were keen to "diversify" their political relations and the source of arms for their defense. This was seen here as a development with particular significance, due to the current debate in the U.S. Congress over the proposed \$8.5 billion sale of AWACS and other equipment planes to Saudi Arabia.

There is a consensus among Western diplomats in Jeddah that this political and military "diversification" will be accelerated if Congress vetoes the AWACS sale, with France seen as a primary beneficiary.

A Mitterrand aide said that arms were not discussed at length during the visit. But he said that defense minister, Prince Sultan, and French Defense Minister Charles Hernu were to meet within the next few months.

The French are particularly interested in selling the Mirage fighters, according to French embassy sources here. The Saudi Arabian army has hundreds of French-made AMX-30 tanks and armored personnel carriers. Last year, the French signed a \$4 billion contract with the navy for four 2,000-ton frigates and other naval equipment and hardware. The French also were said to be anxious to play up their role as a balance to the Kingdom's relationship with the United States.

Yamani calls for cooperation between Muslims and West

LONDON, Sept. 30 (R) — Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani appealed Wednesday for cooperation between the Muslim world and the West, declaring that Communists and Israelis shared a common interest in trying to separate them. Sheikh Yamani also said harmony between the world's 800 million Muslims and the West was endangered by Israel's presence in Jerusalem which, he said, would not have been possible without massive Western aid to Israel.

Newsmen leave for Philippines

JEDDAH, Sept. 30 — Five journalists representing six Saudi Arabian newspapers left Wednesday aboard a chartered Philippine Airlines pilgrim flight for a 15-day visit to the Philippines. The trip of the journalists was made at the invitation of the Philippine Office of Media Affairs and the Philippine Airlines.

Manila prepared the itinerary which includes an interview with President Marcos and a trip to Mindanao, home of about three million Filipino Muslims.

monthly magazine — *Arabia, The Islamic World Review* which will present events in the Muslims world to Western readers.

Sheikh Yamani said the West had to cooperate with the Islamic world because it needed oil and markets. It also had to reckon with Islam's a political force and it enrich its own spiritual life in contact with Islamic ideals.

He said that, as a Muslim, he needed the West as a market for oil and a source of technology and as an ally with whom I can fight any threat to me from the unbelievers."

Sheikh Yamani said no one can question the need for cooperation but two groups are working against it, the Communists for an obvious reason and the Israelis and Zionists for another obvious reason.

"They are working very hard to raise fears of Islam, to revive memories of the Crusades, to paint Islam in an ugly picture of beheading, cutting hands, stoning women," Sheikh Yamani said Islamic practice gave precedence to human rights and social justice in a manner unsurpassed in any civilization.

He said the new magazine, being produced in English by a Saudi Arabian publishing house, the Islamic press agency, and to which he is a contributor, would be "the ambassador of the Muslim world in capital of the West, London."

Indian harijans find equality in Islam

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Sept. 30 — Several thousand Indian harijans — known formerly as untouchable or Hindu outcasts — have been embracing Islam in search of equality and human dignity according to an Indian Muslim member of parliament. Ibrahim Sulaiman Seth told *Arab News* Wednesday that the harijans have found in Islam the answer to their problems and that they have done "so without coercion or foreign interference."

A few months ago an entire village of harijans converted to Islam and joined the main stream of Islamic life in India where Muslims number nearly 100 millions.

"But the new Muslims need instruction and assistance in the teachings of Islam," he said. "It would be helpful if they can get guidance so that they may play their role in the country's Islamic society," he said.

Seth said the Indian Muslims supported Crown Prince Fahd's eight-point plan for a peaceful solution of the Middle East problem and the restoration of the holy city of Jerusalem to the Arabs. "If this plan is not



CONFERENCE: Crown Prince Fahd and President Mitterrand at the joint press conference which they held in Riyadh last week. In it the two leaders stressed the beneficial effects of the visit.

Islamic seminar opens in Makkah

MAKKAH, Sept. 30 (SPA) — The tenth session of the International Islamic Seminar opened here Tuesday evening under Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, the secretary general of the Muslim World League.

In his inaugural address, Shikh Muhammad said that Muslims will never recover their past glory unless they return to the Holy Quran and to the Sunnah. It is for this reason that the league is intensifying its drive to translate the meanings of the holy Qu'ran into as many languages as possible and distribute it worldwide, he added.

So far, the league's general secretariat managed to print over three million copies of the Qu'ran. Sheikh Muhammad said, and

began a new phase of printing five million for Indonesian Muslims, one million for Bangladeshis and one million for the Sudanese. In addition one million copies will be printed in Turkish, one million in Malaysian, and other quantities in Hausa (the language of Nigeria), Yorba, English, Bengali, Japanese, Chinese and Zulu.

U.K. firms to share in hospital job

LONDON, Sept. 30 (LPS) — A pair of two-hundred-bed hospitals is to be built in Saudi Arabia under a £50 million contract awarded by the country's Ministry of Health. They will be at Al Bukayriyah and Al Midh-nab, about 320 kilometers north west of Riyadh, and will be completed in 23 months. The work will be carried out by a consortium

Naif tours holy places and Makkah

MAKKAH, Sept. 30 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif toured the holy places Wednesday and visited the many facilities and organizations set up by the ministry for serving the pilgrims this year.

His tour started at the taxi rank where he was welcomed by Gen. Abdullah Al Sheikh, director of public security, the Mayor of Makkah Abdul Kader Kosbak and other senior officers and officials.

Prince Naif visited the civil defense stations which will look after the pilgrims, government departments specially detailed to help the pilgrims, the public security operations section and other departments. He also talked with the officials and officers and impressed on them the need to do their best for the pilgrims.

In the meantime, the Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri said that the Saudi Public Transport Company, SAPTCO, will intensify its services during the pilgrimage and increase its buses to 678 of which a number will serve the mutawfeen-guides — and the rest will operate regular services inside the city and between it and the holy sites. In Medina there will be 72 buses working around the clock.

Each hospital will occupy a site of about 100,000 square meters and will have facilities for maternity, gynaecology, paediatrics, physiotherapy, radiography and dentistry.



Ibrahim Sulaiman Seth

acceptable, then the only solution will be the holy struggle, Jihad, which Prince Fahd had also adopted," he said. Seth who is here to perform the pilgrimage is also the president of the Indian Muslim League, president of the Islamic Center in Madras and Secretary General of the Palestine Support Congress.

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By end of Third Plan

Kingdom will have 1.2 million phones

MAKKAH, Sept. 30 (SPA) — The Third Five-Year Development Plan, which ends in 1985, will increase the number of telephones to 1.2 million lines. The first target of the telephone expansion scheme, 500,000 lines has been achieved, and 750,000 are envisaged within 18 months, according to Post, Telegraph and Telephones Minister Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal.

The minister was visiting PTT installations in the holy places and Makkah Tuesday when he made the comment. He said that telephone services in the holy places increased three-fold since last year. There are now 500 lines, up from the 145 lines of last year. Four telex and telegram cabins and eight post centers have been opened this year, in addition to the main office, to improve services for pilgrims.

Kayyal visited the new telephone exchange at Omra district, the telephone center of Bahran district and Exchange Four off Mansour Street. He also inspected the telephone office at Aziziya, the central post office and booths in Mina, in addition to the telephone headquarters in Arafat.

Kayyal said that the microwave project has made it possible even for residents of Najran and Arar to benefit from its services. The project will, however, be expanded to enable callers from Saudi Arabia to contact Qatar, Jordan and North Yemen without operator



Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal

assistance. Bids were invited for the expansion projects and envelopes will be opened immediately after the pilgrimage.

The expansion will be a major project, equally large as the existing facility. Three hundred more towers will be erected along a 10,000 kilometer distance, Kayyal said.

Coaxial cables from Kuwait to Dammam, Riyadh, Taif and Jeddah will also be extended to Medina, Tabuk, Hail, Amman and Madura, he said. The bids have been

opened and the project will be commissioned in the near future. Also, 15,000 more telephones will be added to the existing 15,000 to cater for the requirements of the third five-year development plan, he said.

Central post offices in Riyadh, Jeddah and Dammam will receive automatic equipment to sort out more than 700 letters per minute. However, the project will be shelved until naming and numbering of the three cities' streets and buildings is completed, the minister said.

As for car telephones, Kayyal said that the supply of 18,000 telephones has already been commissioned. The first shipment of 6,500 sets will be received next year. They also will provide for long-distance calls access, he added.

Now more than 150 cities and villages in Saudi Arabia enjoy telephone services. Three years ago, only six cities had this facility. A further expansion is planned to have the network cover more than 350 cities and villages under the third five year development plan.

The minister was accompanied during his tour by two PTT undersecretaries and Saudi Telephone directors in the Western Region.

Minister calls on pilgrims to comply with instructions

JEDDAH, Sept. 30 (SPA) — Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie, minister of pilgrimage and endowments, Tuesday called again on the pilgrims to abide by all the instructions and reminded them that they came for the most noble purpose which makes it incumbent upon them to maintain a spiritual behavior while performing Hajj. The pilgrims have to respect Muslim shrines, he declared.

In a televised interview, Sheikh Abdul Wasie said that this year's pilgrimage instructions were set forth in consultation with all the authorities concerned with Hajj specially the Interior Ministry. The instructions are thorough and comprehensive, he added.

What is new in this year's instructions is the standard passport for pilgrims whose idea was mooted last year, he said. The Foreign Ministry made contacts with Arab and Islamic states through its embassies to explain the idea of the unified passport, the minister said.

The new King Abdul Aziz Airport in Ohhah also facilitated the arrival procedures, so much so that the arriving pilgrims can now recover their passports in an hour. The Taw-

wafa establishment project will be further discussed by the Council of Ministers. However, the minister cautioned that the new regulations do not cancel the previous ones.

Wednesday, Sheikh Abdul Wasie received at his office heads of delegation of the United Arab Emirates, Niger and Bangladesh and discussed with them preparations undertaken by the Kingdom's government and other issues pertaining to pilgrims and pilgrimage.

The officials included Muhammad Abdul Rahman Al-Bakr, Islamic affairs and endowments minister and head of the UAE pilgrimage mission; and Haj Omar Ahmad, Niger ambassador to the Kingdom and head of his country's pilgrimage mission.

In another development, the number of pilgrims who arrived to the Kingdom until Tuesday reached 770,333, according to official statistics Wednesday. Ibrahim Abdul Rahman Al-Sadhan, assistant undersecretary for passports and civil status, said the number represents and increase of 55,773 pilgrims or eight percent compared to the same period of last year.

Sadhan said that 553,480 pilgrims arrived by air, 54,410 by sea and 163,443 by land.

Majed receives envoy

JEDDAH, Sept. 30 (SPA) — Makkah Governor Prince Majed received here Wednesday Qatari Ambassador Abdul Rahman ibn Hamad Al-Atiya. The ambassador said after the meeting that further promotion of bilateral relations was discussed. He hailed the Kingdom's efforts to accomplish the immense facilities for the benefit of pilgrims.

ABU DHABI, Sept. 30 (WAM) — A permanent committee of officials of the ministries of interior and labor and social affairs will be set up to deal with problems arising in the implementation of the labor and immigration law. This was decided by Labor and Social Affairs Minister Said Al-Jarwan and Minister of State for Internal Affairs Hammouda ibn Ali at a meeting here Tuesday. Muhammad Issa Al-Suwaidi, undersecretary in the ministry of labor and Lt. Col. Hlail Said, director of the immigration and nationality, also attended the meeting.

ABU DHABI, Sept. 30 (WAM) — Abdul Rahman Al-Jarwan, undersecretary of the ministry of foreign affairs Wednesday received here Abdullah Haj Abdul Rahman, Somali ambassador to the UAE. Bilateral relations, current Arab and international situation and issues of mutual interests were reviewed at the meeting.

DUBAI, Sept. 30 (WAM) — Humaid ibn Nasser Al-Owais, minister of electricity and water, conferred here Wednesday with M. Milon, an official of the British ministry of industry. They discussed prospects of the UAE-British cooperation in the field of electricity and British firms' participation in the implementation of the ministry's projects. Talks also covered training of national cadres by the participating British companies. The meeting was attended by Said Darwish, undersecretary of the electricity and water ministry; and Abdul Rahman Yusuf, director of the electricity department.

Al-Johar center gives away prizes

By Scott Pendleton

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Set for Oct. 12-15

Arafat to see Suzuki during Japan visit

TOKYO, Sept. 30 (AP) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat will pay an unofficial visit to Japan Oct. 12-15 during which he will meet Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda, it was reported Wednesday.

Kyodo news service said the date of Arafat's visit was made known to the Japanese Foreign Ministry through the Japanese embassy in Lebanon. The Palestine Liberation Organization leader was invited to Japan two years ago by Toshio Kimura, a former

foreign minister who headed a private mission to the Middle East to promote relations with the PLO. The foreign ministry said while it regards the visit as "unofficial," Arafat will meet with Suzuki and Sonoda. However, it said there will be no change in Tokyo's Mideast policy.

Arafat, who will be accompanied by a party of 20, had said he would not make the trip unless officially invited by the Japanese government, but later softened his stand, saying he would come provided he could meet with Suzuki.

PLO representatives here said Arafat will press Japan to grant diplomatic status to the PLO's Tokyo office, established in 1977.

The foreign ministry insists the government "has no intention of recognizing the PLO." Officials said Suzuki will tell Arafat that Japanese recognition of the PLO is contingent upon the PLO recognizing the existence of Israel and "taking a more moderate stance" toward attempts to reach peace in the troubled Mideast.

Japanese newspapers have linked Arafat's visit to Japan's overwhelming dependence on imported oil. Japan, 99 percent dependent on oil imports, gets 70 percent of its supply from the Gulf area. But ministry officials pointed out that Japan has recently held talks with political leaders of Israel and other Mideast parties, and that Tokyo wants to play a "more constructive role" in bringing about peace in the Middle East.

By Egypt's ruling party

Palestine government in-exile urged

CAIRO, Sept. 30 (AP) — The foreign affairs committee of Egypt's ruling National Democratic Party (NDP) has repeated the government's call for the formation of a Palestinian government-in-exile that would exchange diplomatic recognition with Israel.

The Cairo daily *Al-Akhar* Wednesday said the committee, meeting on the second day of the NDP second annual congress Tuesday, had recommended that the congress announced its support of "mutual recognition between the Palestinians and Israel at the same time, and its support of any dialogue aimed at creating a Palestinian government-in-exile."

The call for mutual recognition and a Palestinian government-in-exile is a recurrent theme in Egypt's foreign policy since it signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1979. Egypt sees the government-in-exile as a temporary body that can negotiate with Israel over the Palestinians' demand for creation of a Palestinian homeland.

Talks between Egypt, Israel and the United States on Palestinian self-rule resumed last month in Cairo after a 13-month-break. Egypt has asked Israel to try and attract the Palestinians by taking "confidence-building" measures in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.



Yasser Arafat

Libya accused of attacking Sudan villages

KHARTOUM, Sept. 30 (Agencies) — Libyan aircraft have carried out daily raids on Sudanese western frontier villages for the past 20 days, Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Hashim Osman said here Tuesday.

During a meeting with Arab ambassadors to Khartoum, Osman accused Libya of "repeated and flagrant" violation of Sudan's airspace and territory, the Sudanese News Agency SUNA reported Wednesday.

The villages of Kulhus, Tine, Eish Barra, Ranga and Sirna had been targets of rocketings and bombings by Soviet-made Libyan MiGs which had killed some people, the undersecretary said.

"Sudan has until now exercised self-restraint toward these aggressive acts," Osman said, adding that the government did not wish to find itself "compelled to take measures it deems necessary for maintaining its security and protecting its people."

Sudan, earlier this month appealed to the United Nations Security Council to adopt "firm measures" against Libya for violating its airspace and territory. The appeal was made shortly after the raids on the village of Al Gencina.

Meanwhile, Sudanese president Jaafar Numeiri sent an urgent message to Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi concerning the Libyan attacks, SUNA reported. Moi, who is current chairman of the organization of African Unity, recently expressed "profound concern" for the "deteriorating situation" along Sudan's western borders.

Greece favors Waldheim for Cyprus solution

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 30 (AP) — Greek Foreign Minister Constantinos Mitsotakis has said that he believed Kurt Waldheim could make a "more effective" contribution toward settlement of the Cyprus problem than anybody that might be elected to succeed him as U.N. secretary-general for the five years starting next Jan. 1.

Mitsotakis, talking with reporters Tuesday was asked how efforts to settle that problem would be affected if Waldheim was not re-elected to the office he has held for the last 10 years. He said he expected the U.N. Security Council would meet around the end of October or the beginning of November to recommend a secretary-general for the five years starting next Jan. 1, subject to subsequent approval by the General Assembly.

He went on to say he was sure that whoever was secretary-general for the next term would "continue to work for a settlement of the Cyprus problem according to the mandate given by the General Assembly." "Mr. Waldheim," he said, "has a deep knowledge of the whole question and a longer experience, and in this sense his contribution would be more effective. But apart from that, I don't think there would be any difference."

The minister met with reporters at a New York hotel before a luncheon that he gave there in Waldheim's honor with an invitation list of 122 guests. In New York to attend the U.N. General Assembly, he was due to leave for home Wednesday. Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim Ahmed Salim and Shridath Ramphal of Guyana, secretary-general of the Commonwealth, are Waldheim's only announced opponents for the secretary-general's next term.

But some others have been mentioned for the job, notably Mexican Foreign Minister Jorge Castaneda, Mexican U.N. Ambassador Porfirio Munoz Ledo and Argentina's London Ambassador Carlos Ortiz de Rozas.

For downing Libyan planes

Nonaligned blast U.S.

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 30 (AP) — The 93-nation nonaligned movement here Tuesday night accused the United States of committing aggression against Libya on Aug. 19, the day two American planes shot down two Libyan planes over a disputed party of the Mediterranean.

In a communique on two days' private meetings here, foreign ministers and other heads of U.N. General Assembly delegations of the nonaligned countries said, "that aggression constitutes a threat as well as flagrant violence against the sovereignty, integrity and territorial integrity of nonaligned countries in the region."

The shooting took place when Libyan planes challenged the American planes inside waters that Libya claims as its territory but the United States does not recognize as Libyan territory. The nonaligned officials said they considered it both a threat and "flagrant violence against the sovereignty,

independence and territorial integrity of nonaligned countries in the region, which advocate the creation of a zone of peace and cooperation in the Mediterranean."

They commended "the people of New Zealand and the United States of America for their resolute opposition to the Springboks' rugby tour, to these two countries undertaken in violation of the United Nations position calling for the severance of sports ties with South Africa."

The diplomats denounced an Israeli project to dig a canal between the Mediterranean and the Dead Seas and Israeli excavations around Muslim holy places in Jerusalem. They condemned the 1978 Camp David accords for Palestinian autonomy in Israeli occupied territory, saying they "have no validity," and called on all countries to help the Palestine Liberation Organization in its "legitimate struggle" to establish its own state there.

Four Armenians

Turkish consulate gunmen identified

ANKARA, Sept. 30 (R) — Turkish authorities have released what they said were the true identities of four Armenians who last week seized 51 hostages at the Turkish consulate in Paris and killed a security guard. Officials in Paris earlier said France was preparing to try the four gunmen but had no idea who they really were. They had given "fancy" names and hometowns and declined to appoint defense lawyers immediately.

One defendant named himself variously as Raffi Balian or Arame Baigdjani, 21 and said he was born in Melbourne, Australia, but did not speak a word of English, French justice officials said.

Turkish officials said Balian was really Aram Avadis Basmadjian, a 21-year-old Beirut-born Armenian. Another gunman

who gave his name to French police as Hagop Hagopian was in fact Vasken Sako Seslian, 25, born in Beirut, they said.

The true name of Zaven Hagopian was Kevork Abraham Gozlian, born in 1960 in Beirut, and the fourth gunman whom French police identified as Ale Aolian was in fact Hagop Abraham Jofian, also born in Beirut in 1960.

The gunmen, members of the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA), seized the Turkish consulate and demanded the release of what they called Armenian political prisoners held in Turkey. They surrendered to police last Thursday after a 15-hour siege. France refused them political asylum and said they would be tried on criminal charges.

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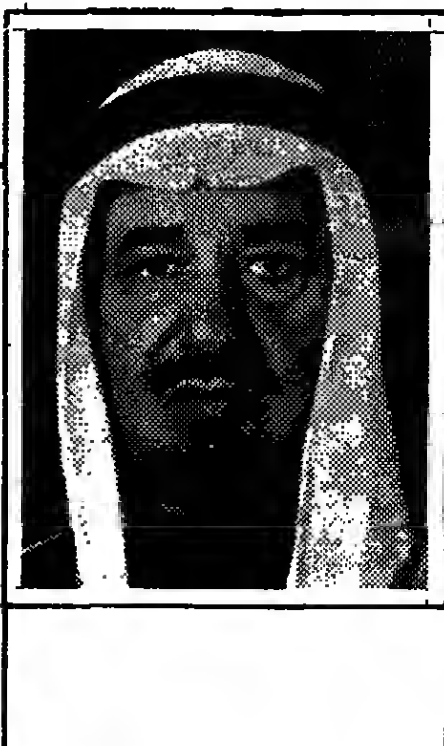
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U.N. experts say

Israel can build nuclear bombs

UNITED NATIONS Sept. 30 (AP) — A group of experts at the United Nations has reported there were "significant indications" that Israel had reached the nuclear threshold a decade ago. But the panel said it had found no definite proof that the Zionist state possesses an atomic bomb.

The five experts, including a Russian and three political science professors from North American universities, Tuesday told U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim that Israeli possession of nuclear weapons "would be a seriously destabilizing factor in the already tense situation prevailing in the Middle East" and would harm international efforts to stem the spread of such arms.

The experts observed that the dangers of a nuclear arms race in the Middle East could be avoided "if Israel should renounce, without delay, the possession of or any intention to possess nuclear weapons" and if it opened its nuclear facilities to international inspection.

The group was appointed by Waldheim pursuant to a 1979 General Assembly resolution that called on the secretary-general to prepare a study on Israel's nuclear capability. Arab countries continually have charged that Israel already had the bomb. Western press reports also said that Israel was involved in nuclear test explosion off South Africa two years ago.

Israel, as the experts noted, has adopted a policy of "deliberate ambiguity" on the subject and refused to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

In forwarding the experts' report to the assembly's 36th session, Waldheim said he was "not in a position to pass judgment on all aspects" of the experts' finding. However, he said he hoped it would underscore the urgency of bringing nuclear activities in areas of tension under an effective system of international safeguards.

The experts said that on the basis of what is known about Israel's 25-megawatt research reactor at Dimona "the physical possibility exists that Israel may already have enough weapons-grade materials for making several bombs comparable to the bomb dropped on Nagasaki" at the end of World War II.

"Delivery systems would not constitute a major problem, given the short distances between Israel and the conceivable targets in the region," the experts said. "Its existing aircraft and missiles could deliver nuclear weapons."

The group conceded it was "unable to conclude definitely whether or not Israel is at present in possession of nuclear weapons. There are, however, significant indications that Israel reached the threshold of becoming a nuclear-weapon state at least a decade ago... Israel, if it has not already crossed that threshold, has the capability to manufacture nuclear weapons within a very short time."

The experts, who prepared the study between July 1980 and June 1981, are Ashok



Kapur, associate professor of political science, University of Waterloo, Canada; Mark A. Khroustalev, professor of the Moscow State Institute of International Relations; Ali A. Mazrui, director of the Center for Afro-

American and African Studies, University of Michigan; George H. Quester, chairman of the government department, Cornell University; and Dr. Asaad Saab, a senior research engineer from Lebanon.

Kuwait denounces strategic pact between U.S., Israel

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 30 (Agencies)

— Kuwait has denounced proposed strategic cooperation between the United States and Israel and said it would "draw the entire area toward a new war." Kuwait Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, in an address to the General Assembly Tuesday night, referred to plans announced during a recent visit to Washington by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

The minister said: "We are duty bound...not to allow such an illusion to be blown out of proportion so as to cloud the facts and draw the entire area toward a new war which will have the world's peace and security as its victims."

Such cooperation would once again place the Middle East in the "hot-bed of alliances, sphere of influence and cold war." It would also eliminate any balance in the policy of a

power which played a major role in efforts to solve the Mideast crisis, he added, referring to the U.S.

The responsibility for "rejecting and resisting this new strategic cooperation should not rest solely with the states of the Middle East but should be shared by all peace-loving nations, the Kuwaiti minister stated.

He also said that his government believed the defense of the Gulf was the responsibility of the Gulf states themselves. The minister said Kuwait believed the mere propagation of military facilities in certain areas was detrimental to the Gulf's stability.

He urged a speedup in efforts to end the crisis in Afghanistan on the basis of U.N. resolutions calling for withdrawal of foreign troops and self-determination for the people. Soviet troops have been there since December 1979.

Gunmen attack Beirut police station; 1 killed

BEIRUT, Sept. 30 (Agencies) — Unidentified gunmen attacked a police station in western Beirut Wednesday, killing one policeman and wounding three, security sources said. The reason for the attack was not immediately known.

The sources said the death toll in last Monday's car bomb attack against a Palestinian checkpoint in South Lebanon had risen to 18. The bodies of three persons killed in the blast were found in an orchard Tuesday. The French-language Beirut daily *L'Orient-Le Jour* said Wednesday a group called the "Front for the Liberation of Lebanon from Foreigners" had claimed responsibility for the bombing and had threatened further attacks against Palestinian and Syrian leaders.

The front has claimed responsibility for a series of explosions across Lebanon last month in which 50 persons have died and about 200 have been injured. The Palestinians say the front is a cover for Israeli agents working in Lebanon.

Meanwhile, Lebanese television reported that an explosion at a power-generating plant Tuesday night touched off a fire which spread to surrounding buildings and engulfed the residents of the Algerian ambassador in Beirut.

The report said there were no immediate reports on casualties in the plant which is situated on the airport road on the southern fringe of the capital. There was no further information available as firemen rushed to the scene and the television report did not say what caused the explosion.

In South Lebanon, sporadic fighting between opposing Lebanese militia groups was reported Tuesday in the region near Nabatiyeh. The confrontations were principally between the para-military Shiite "Amal" group and the Lebanese Communist Party, sources said. No casualty figures were released.

Mubarak leaves for U.S. today

CAIRO, Sept. 30 (AP) — Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak is scheduled to leave Thursday for the United States, it was unexpectedly announced Wednesday.

News agencies were contacted by the government press center and informed of Mubarak's departure, but no reason for the sudden trip was given.

Spokesmen at the foreign ministry and the vice president's office said they had "no comment" about the trip and a spokesman at the U.S. embassy here said he had "no information" about it.

Karmal hits U.N. debates on Afghanistan problem

MOSCOW, Sept. 30 (Agencies) — The upcoming debates at the United Nations General Assembly on the situation in Afghanistan will constitute "an obvious intervention in the domestic affairs" of that country, Afghan President Babrak Karmal said in an interview Wednesday with the Soviet daily *Pravda*.

He said debates on the Afghan problem had nothing in common with the quest for a true solution to the situation "around" Afghanistan. The debates, he told the organ of the Soviet Communist Party, resulted from "intrigues among the circles hostile to the Afghan revolution who would like to see the flow of events in the country reversed."

Karmal denounced "the undeclared war of American imperialism against Afghanistan" and added that an eventual political settlement would have to guarantee the cessation of all interference with the domestic affairs of his country, as well as "the creation of conditions which will prevent the recurrence of such interventions in the future."

In another development, the Observer News Service reported that the Pakistani government brought to a sudden end last week, a large gathering of Afghan tribal and resistance groups meeting in Quetta, capital of Baluchistan. The reason given for the ban was that Pakistan does not allow political activity among Afghan refugees, an explanation which begs many questions: there are seven recognized Afghan political parties and front organizations based in Peshawar, and many more still operate from there despite withdrawal of Pakistani recognition at the beginning of this year.

The Quetta assembly had got off to a good start, with almost 1,000 tribal delegates from most regions of Afghanistan, in particular from the southwest provinces close to the border. The hope was to achieve coordination of the war effort between tribes and regions.

It's doubtful whether a popular movement



Babrak Karmal

of this kind can be checked. Some tribal delegates advocated a national assembly inside Afghanistan, in the so-called "liberated areas".

The war continues to surprise analysts, who were predicting a stalemate. Soviet forces are facing very determined opposition from Afghan resistance groups, which are increasingly better trained and armed — with weapons sent in from all sides.

Renewed fierce fighting for control of Kandahar, the only large city in the southwest, has shown up some of the gaps in Soviet strength.

To the north of Kabul, the unfortunate Panjshir Valley has suffered its fourth attack by combined Soviet-Afghan forces, but even this big military operation involving some 15,000 troops seems to have failed to crush local resistance.

The Kabul government was confidently stating in the spring that it would crush all resistance by the end of 1981. This is plainly impossible.

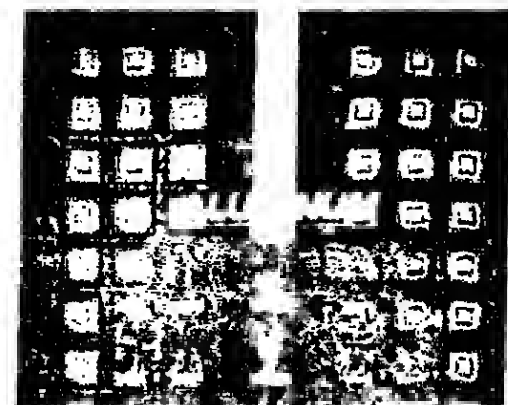
BRIEFS

TEHRAN, (AFP) — Shooting broke out Wednesday on the avenue of the revolution ("Enghelab" avenue) in central Tehran between revolutionary guards and members of the left-wing Mujahadeen Khalq organization, eyewitnesses reported. Large numbers of security forces were said to be on the scene but it was not immediately known if there were any casualties.

ANKARA, (R) — An eight-member European parliament delegation began meeting Turkish officials Wednesday in an effort to assess the political situation a year after the military junta seized power from a civilian government. They conferred with acting Foreign Minister Ilhan Oztrak and Foreign Ministry Secretary-General Kamuran Gurun.

TEHRAN, (AFP) — Forty-three members and "sympathizers" of the militant Islamic People's Mujahadeen movement were executed at Evin prison here Tuesday, radio Tehran reported, citing an official communiqué.

JAKARTA, (R) — A group of 20 prominent Indonesian Muslims Wednesday accused Egyptian President Anwar Sadat of victimizing Muslims in his country for political benefit. The group, which includes 15 members of the 460-seat Indonesian parliament, said in a signed statement that the recent arrest of Muslims and others in Egypt ordered by President Sadat was aimed at suppressing the aspirations of his own people.



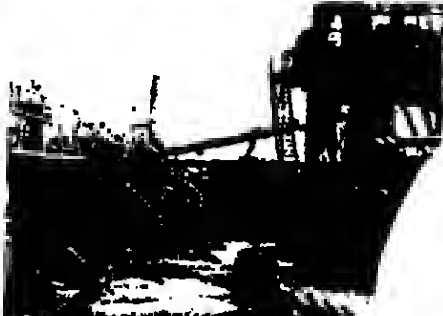
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NUCLEAR CAPABILITY

Official and press reports from Western circles produce one conclusion concerning Israel's nuclear capability: There are significant indications that Israel has reached the nuclear threshold more than a decade ago.

This latest conclusion came in a report submitted to the U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim yesterday. The report, prepared by a group of experts at the request of Waldheim following a U.N. General Assembly resolution in 1979 stopped short of stating definitively that Israel has nuclear weapons. Its explanation for that was that Israel refused to allow the experts to inspect its nuclear facilities, because Israel is not a signatory party to the non-proliferation treaty.

Of course, the world body needs physical proof from a suspect country to judge it on the possession of such nuclear weapons. But what the U.N. report ignored is two facts which show the contrary.

First: The emergency meeting of the U.S. National Security Council in October 1973. During the meeting, U.S. Air Force information was presented which was provided by the highly sophisticated Black Bird plane. It proved beyond a doubt that Israel was prepared to use nuclear weapons.

An urgent CIA report that night said that the Israeli defense minister was awaiting an order from then Premier Golda Meir to prepare 13 "Ariha" missiles with nuclear warheads because Moshe Dayan could not confront the waves of Syrian armored thrust.

Second: President Nixon's emergency meeting proposed to his security aides that an air bridge should be immediately established to supply Israel with all the weapons it needed directly from the U.S. Army stockpile.

Thus, America's fear that Israel would use nuclear weapons in the 1973 war, and its direct participation against the Arabs turned the tide in favor of Israel. This was all thanks to Black Bird, which was able to save the region from an Israeli nuclear devastation.

Even before the war, a CIA report released in 1968, confirmed Israel's nuclear capability and stated that Tel Aviv was able to develop nuclear devices without publicity. The CIA report also estimated that Israel possessed between 12 and 20 nuclear bombs.

Israel's deliberate policy of ambiguity and its refusal to sign the non-proliferation treaty, or to permit international inspection are enough proof.

Two days ago, the International Atomic Energy Agency suspended technical assistance to Israel and warned that it will suspend Israel's membership next year if those nuclear facilities are not opened to inspection. The time is past due when other agencies and concerned individuals take similar action to insure the long-range safety of mankind.

Saudi Arabian press review

The outcome of French President Mitterrand's visit to the Kingdom and the pilgrims' journey to the sacred lands figured in editorial comments of Wednesday's newspapers.

Commenting on the Saudi diplomatic moves both at Arab and international levels, in the wake of President Mitterrand's trip to the Kingdom, *Al Riyadh* said, while Taif was witnessing the historic meeting between the Saudi leaders and the French head of state and officials, Baghdad, Amman and Damascus were receiving the Second Deputy Premier Prince Abdullah in the context of the Kingdom's moves to cement Arab solidarity.

Al-Jazirah commented on the same subject and said Mitterrand's description of the Saudi eight-point Mideast peace plan as the most important achievement in the last years, is a clear evidence, that the Arab nation, thanks to the Kingdom leadership's wisdom, is not rejecting any peaceful settlement for the Arab Israeli conflict if such settlement is based on a fair solution and ensuring the restoration of the occupied Arab lands.

"The Arabs' rejection of the previous peace initiatives is not a refusal of the principles of peace but a rejection of false plans which have been proved negative and full of mistakes," it said.

Okaz, Al Medina and Al Bilad commented on the pilgrimage journey to the sacred lands and noted the trip to holy places has become more easier and comfortable during the last 50 years, thanks to the continuous efforts of the Saudi leaders — (SPA)

Bureaucracy hampers FAO's aid to poor

By Michael Sheridan

ROME — Only one-third of the budget of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) is spent directly on aid to the world's needy. The lion's share is spent in Italy, much of it in maintaining the organization's vast bureaucracy.

This fact together with the organization's plans for a vast increase in spending seems likely to provoke a major row when the FAO's bi-annual conference meets here in November to approve the budget and decide aid policy.

The developed countries that provide the bulk of the money are unenthusiastic about giving more cash to an organization that many feel needs to reform its bureaucracy and aid policy first. The agency wants to boost its spending to \$414 million for the two years 1982/83 from the 278 million it spent in 1980/81. But, defending his plans for a massive rise in the agency's budget early this summer, FAO Chief Edouard Saouma unwittingly gave ammunition to the FAO's critics.

"The principal beneficiary of the rise in the FAO budget is without doubt the Italian economy," he said. "We spend 66 percent of our money here in Italy," he told an FAO council meeting recently.

"We have 1,500 Italian officials. We have 4,000 officials whose families all live in Italy. 15,000 people come to our meetings here each year and we have perhaps 50 to 60 million dollars in Italian banks," Saouma said.

U.S. delegate Roger Sorenson told one meeting on the budget "We are profoundly disappointed that the views and expressions of concern of my government and a number of other governments over a period of years have been totally ignored." Nine governments representing more than 70 percent of FAO's contributions did not support Saouma's proposals, he said.

Due to the U.N. one-country-one vote system, though, the developed countries are certain to be outvoted at the November conference. One Third World delegate noted that "all though the major contributors always complain about the budget they always pay up in the end." But referring to this remark, Sorenson warned the meeting "this view presumes too much."

The FAO's Lebanese director-general sees aid as an instrument of political change, strongly advocating the use of multilateral agencies such as his own to effect the transfer of resources from rich to poor countries.

It is a philosophy unlikely to impress the Reagan administration, on whose say-so depends greatest single contribution to FAO's coffers. U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig told the U.N. General Assembly last week it was unrealistic to talk of a transfer of resources from developed to developing countries.

Some Western diplomats believe Saouma's budget plan is exactly the kind of issue liable to lend support to hardliners on aid and to turn donors away from the multilateral agencies toward country-to-country programs over which they have more control.

One diplomat, himself sympathetic to increasing aid programs, expressed the dilemma facing liberals:

"If you're going to argue for increased aid to developing countries then it's much easier to sell the idea if your taxpayers can see some control over the end of those funds rather than have them spent on projects in which the donor has no say," he explained.

Saouma, however, believes such attitudes do not advance the cause of bringing developing countries into the mainstream of the global economy.

In a speech this summer he criticized "the disengagement from multilateral action openly advocated in certain circles which consider it easier to make national interest prevail by way of bilateral relations."

The director general has said that in order to keep up with inflation and still maintain levels of aid to needy countries his budget figures must be met. His critics have another chance to make their displeasure felt at committee meetings this month ahead of the November conference, but few have any doubt that the budget will be adopted by majority vote. (R)

Turkey's Kurds growing restive

By Steven R. Hurst

HAKKARI, Turkey — Every five minutes another two-man patrol of Turkish military police passed in the darkened street below this town's only hotel. They carried Scorpion automatic rifles, the most modern in the Turkish arsenal. Across the valley, on the side of the rugged mountains that form the border with Iran and Iraq, a helicopter could be heard through the crisp night air, its searchlight probing the rugged terrain for Kurdish rebels or smugglers.

The Turkish military — never at ease in this isolate, poverty-stricken Kurdish homeland — has gone on special alert. Two soldiers were killed earlier last month by 50 or so armed Kurds who stormed into Turkey from Iran.

Sources at the border where the raiders crossed said at the time that the armed men were Iranian Kurds fleeing from Ayatollah Khomeini's revolutionary guards.

A soldier interviewed more recently at a garrison near the Esendere border point said the Kurds were from Turkey and had sought refuge and weapons in Iran before mounting their raid. The soldier said the band penetrated 30 kms into Turkey before it was engaged by the military and fled into the impenetrable mountains.

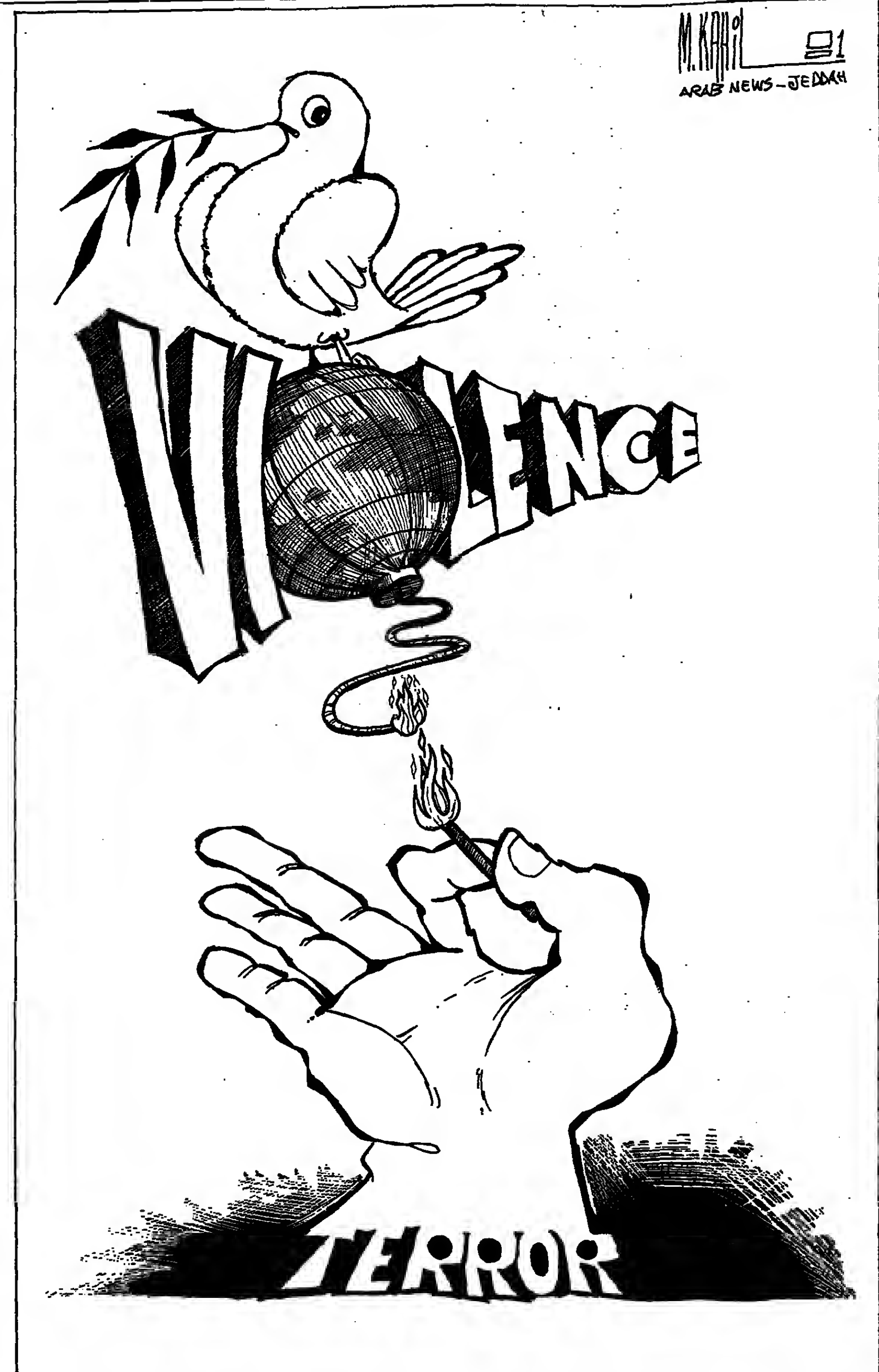
"I picked up the body of one of the dead soldiers. Next to him there was a paper on the ground that warned 'we will be back,'" the Turkish sergeant said. "They were Turkish Kurds all right."

Estimates of the number of Kurds in Turkey range from 4 million to 7 million. It is hard to find a Kurdish man under 30 who does not profess leftist views, ranging from pro-Moscow secessionists to pro-Peking autonomy seekers.

Turkey's rulers insist that the Kurdish rebels are nothing more than rural terrorists, one of more than 45 armed bands that threatened Turkey with civil war before the military coup one year ago. The military claims the Kurdish rebels have been wiped out but the state of readiness here shows the contrary.

A rosy-cheeked young recruit from Istanbul stood in front of his lonely gendarme's post not far from here and motioned with frustration to the rugged mountains.

"The Pesmerges (Kurdish warriors) have lived all



S. Africa strengthens apartheid

By Allister Sparks

their lives in those mountains. They know the paths like I know the streets of Istanbul. They travel light — only one clip in their Kalashnikovs," he said, referring to the Soviet designed assault rifle.

"We carry these G-3s and many rounds of ammunition. We wear heavy helmets. They slip up the mountains and we never catch them. They keep spare ammunition on the ridges and if we do manage to get close they're firing down on us from hidden positions."

Kurds in Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Syria have been at odds with their respective central governments for centuries. They want a country of their own, something they never have had.

The Turkish Kurds are doubly angry because they feel cheated by Ankara. The road that leads here through a deep mountain gorge along the Zap river still is not paved, although workmen are laboring feverishly to get it surfaced before the first snow falls.

The 10,000 people have only one doctor and no hospital. There is a jail and it is full. Of the 600 students in the local high school only two managed last year to pass the university entrance exam. There is a shortage of meat and milk although the area is known for sheep and cattle breeding. Most of the houses are shacks of mud bricks.

"They look at us as an occupation force," a non-commissioned army officer based in Hakkari said.

Under the leadership of Gen. Kenan Evren, great efforts are in the works in an attempt to improve the lot of the Kurds in eastern Turkey. Evren believes the Kurdish loyalty can be won with new roads, improved communications, better health care and decent education. He signaled his concern for the area when his first trip out of Ankara after seizing power a year ago was to Hakkari.

The civilian government he appointed after the coup is working on an education reform law that will benefit eastern Turkey. Medical doctors henceforth will be required to do two years government service, and a majority of the new doctors will be posted in the east.

A young math teacher from an Istanbul suburb who had been in Hakkari since last winter summed it up: "Let's hope we can make it better for the coming generation, since we've lost the current one." — (AP)

JOHANNESBURG —

The shape of South Africa's new apartheid objectives became clearer last month with a series of policy developments. One was the introduction of a parliamentary bill to grant independence to the Ciskei tribal "homeland". Conspicuously, it did not include an expected provision to allow Ciskei blacks to remain South African citizens.

Another was a statement by the minister of community development, Pen Kotze, that he would introduce legislation next year to tighten up the Group Areas Act, perhaps the most basic of all apartheid laws, which marks out the areas in which the various race groups may live.

The next day the president's council, created with much fanfare a year ago as the government's main instrument of reform, handed down its first important recommendation — that the Group Areas Act be sent to a judicial commission for review. The president's council also recommended that two symbolic residential areas, District Six in Cape Town and Pageview in Johannesburg, should be returned to the Coloreds (mixed race people) and Indians who used to live in them before the government proclaimed them for whites only.

Vertigo reformists in the ruling National Party — and the government's information services abroad — have been hoping and predicting that the government would move away from apartheid in phases. This would begin by allowing the minority Colored and Indian groups more social contact with whites, followed by some form of parliamentary representation.

With that easing the way, the black majority would then be drawn toward some form of federal power-sharing at the national level through Prime Minister P.W. Botha's plans for a "constellation of states" and at least get political rights up to municipal level in their urban townships. But the government has been backtracking on reform since the April general election showed a broad-based advance by the extreme right-wing Hersteppe Nasionale Party (HNP), which threatens to split the Afrikaner vote. Warding off such a split has become Botha's main concern.

Last month's developments show Botha reverting to the more orthodox political formula of his

predecessors — but running into contradictions set up by reformist wheels he had set in motion before the election. Not only the president's council but a string of commissions of inquiry he had appointed are now ready to report on reformist issues.

Kotze's statement means there is to be no using of the Coloreds and Indians as scout groups to get a foot in the door integration. With the National Party having to face the HNP in municipal elections next year, it is back to strict group segregation in the cities. Kotze says some 8,000 Coloreds and Indians have filtered into central Johannesburg. His new law will empower the government to bypass the courts in evicting them.

There is nowhere for these people to go since there is a desperate shortage of Colored and Indian housing in the Johannesburg area, so they will become homeless while the city's flats stand half empty. In the face of this the president's council recommendation looks like being an empty, though embarrassing, gesture. It will embarrass the prime minister because he will discredit his own creation if he scorns its proposal. But to accept it would conflict with his strategy.

The Ciskei Bill is the clearest example so far of backtracking. If there is to be any hope of Africans getting political rights, they must remain South African citizens. Thus liberals expected the government to change the system applied in the past when Transkei, Bophuthatswana and Venda became independent, and allow dual citizenship.

The minister of cooperation and development, Dr. Piet Koornhof, indicated as much last year. And after meeting with him, the chief minister of Ciskei, Chief Lennox Sebe, said last October: "Anybody who says our independence will be the same as the independence of the others is a clown, to put it in polite language."

But it is — exactly. The bill which will make Ciskei independent on Dec. 4 states that everyone defined as a Ciskeian will cease to be a South African citizen on that date. This means the government is back on a course aimed ultimately at making all Africans statutory foreigners as all 10 tribal "homelands" become independent.

The great majority will still live and work in "white" South Africa but they will be officially regarded as guest workers with no political rights. (ONS)

Bird migration over Kingdom always a baffling phenomenon

By Jean Grant

DHAHRAN — These are the days the birds return to Saudi Arabia. Most have spent the summer months far to the north, raising their families. Long hours of summer daylight there have helped the parents find enough to feed their hungry offspring and given the young a chance to try their wings. Then, in a phenomenon that has baffled mankind for thousands of years, the birds take off on the age-old flyways south. Thousands of birds will be winging over Saudi Arabia from now until the first week of November.

The crab plover is one of the earliest to arrive; his black and white plumage appears on the Eastern Coast in late August. Yellow wagtails, hoopoes, stone curlews, terns, eagles, wheatears, kingfishers, and a dozen other species soon follow. Equipped with a Field Guide and binoculars, the birdwatcher here has a chance to identify many species he might never see in their natural habitats.

Although the Kingdom shelters relatively few year-round residents, it lies on two migratory routes: birds fly here from Western Europe via the Mediterranean and down the Red Sea coast. A few stay the winter but most stop over only long enough for an R-and-R-breather on the long route to East Africa. The other migratory route is that followed by birds coming from Eastern Europe via the Tigris and Euphrates valley. At the head of the Arabian Gulf, they split — some going straight down through the center of the Arabian peninsula on a direct route to Ethiopia while the others follow the shores of the Gulf before veering west to Africa.

As migratory routes go, those taken by fowl winging over the Kingdom are fairly short and easy compared with those taken by the Arctic Tern who cross the rough waters of the North Atlantic, cruise over Europe to the western edge of Africa, cross the Equator and continue south until they reach the Antarctic ice pack. After a few weeks, the birds head northward again on the 10,000 mile journey from pole to pole.

Even the relatively easy migration to Arabia, however, requires birds to brave the unknown on their flight over mountains, waters and desert. In the 19th Century many



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Englishman refused to believe that such tiny creatures could fly over so much as the English Channel. Other early investigators went to the other extreme, arguing that the birds flew to the moon for the winter.

"Many people are surprised by the variety and numbers of birds seen in Saudi Arabia," John Bryan told the Dhahran Natural History Association recently. Bryan, who has been photographing birds here for only 15 months, already has an enviable collection of several hundred slides.

"Early mornings and late afternoons are best for sightings," said the BAC birdman who sets out each weekend with binoculars, camera, and his Field Guide (*Collins Book of Birds of Europe, North Africa and the Middle East*). Birds, he explained, feel pretty much the same way about the heat as humans do. Because it makes them pant, they hide from

the heat of the day.

Birds of prey are more numerous in the western part of the country while the Eastern Province has many varieties of waders. At Dhahran's Imhof Gardens (the old Aramco Corral), Bryan has seen cormorants and teal ducks with chestnut-colored heads and a patch of yellow in the tail; at Khobar Beach he has spotted both bitterns and flamingos on the sand banks.

"North of Qatif," said Bryan, "is particularly good for harriers and buzzards, wagtails and kingfishers."

South of oasis town can be seen Caspian terns and widgeon herons, red shank and occasional eagles. At the back of the oil refinery in Abqaiq where the riverbed goes down to the sea, grey heron, reef herons, great white egrets and the beautiful ruddy shelducks flock. Near Al Uqayr, on the coast south of Abqaiq, wheatears hide in the lagoons. On Tarut Island crab-pullers feast on crabs.

Molded by evolution, the migrant birds are surprisingly adaptable and manage to find an abundance of food here: grasses, bees and wasps, worms and crabs along the shore, and pomegranates in small oases, all washed down quite agreeably with a beakful of brackish water.

Few migrants breed or make nests here. They sleep on the ground or in bushes. "In a sandstorm," remarked Bryan, "the birds come down to land on the bushes for shelter."

The migrants take up their winter life among the year-round residents of the Kingdom: the green sandpipers, finches and sparrows, bulbuls and babblers, and martins, ravens and great grey shrikes. The visitors do so without jarring conflict, there being enough for all. Those who continue their journey to the lush tropical areas of Africa wing through again in the spring on the return trip to their homes in Europe.

"I don't consider myself an ornithologist — they study birds but I take pictures of them," Bryan told his Dhahran audience. Only after he has snapped the bird does Bryan note its identifying characteristics: size and color of beak, head and legs, etc.

He uses a 100-200 mm zoom lens and a three-times multiplier with his Argus camera. "That gives me 300-600 mm, but I have to use ASA 400 film to make up for stopping down three stops because of the multiplier. Even on a sunny day, with a 5.6 aperture, my speed is only 1/125th of a second." Bryan does not use a tripod, preferring the freedom of movement a hand-held camera allows him.

Although birds stand out more clearly against the relatively stark background, there are the same difficulties in photographing them here as elsewhere. "Birds have minds of their own," said Bryan. "When you sight them, they either take off, look the other way, or if it's a wader, he's sure to stick his head in the water."

Birds like the stone curlew are gunshy as well as camera shy, and may take off as soon as they spot a camera's zoom lens because of its resemblance to the barrel of a rifle.

Like most birdmen, Bryan has his favorite species: the raptors (like the Egyptian vultures) and the bee-eaters which he admires for their powers of aviation. Bryan has priorities. Since his son has never seen an eagle, Bryan is devoting his vacation time this month to show his four year old a falconry reserve in England where the boy will have an excellent chance of spotting an eagle.



COLORFUL SHRIKE: This great grey shrike was photographed near Abqaiq.

Belgian archeology discovery

Pottery adds 6,500 years to history

YAOUNDE, Cameroon, (AP) — The discovery of a few shards of pottery and a scattering of broken stone tools has just added 6,500 years to the human history of this region of African equatorial forest. A Belgian archeologist, Iere De Maret, made the find in August: Two digs in the Yaounde suburb of Obobogo turned up artifacts dating from 5,000 B.C. to 1,100 B.C. respectively.

Until now, anthropologists had believed

the area's first permanent inhabitants were pygmies about 500 years ago. The experts had not located tools suitable for community life at an earlier date.

The team under De Maret, who is from the Free University of Brussels, uncovered fragments of earthenware, pieces of polished stone axes, palm nuts and the mummified fruit of an unidentified tree.

The two groups of ancient inhabitants, although separated by nearly 4,000 years, chose similar building sites less than a kilometer (0.6 mile) apart on high ground, providing a good view of the surrounding bush in case of invasion; with the River Sangha below them.

In 1888, when Imperial Germany came to colonize Cameroon, its agents also chose a site in the close vicinity to lay the foundations of Yaounde — known locally as the city of seven hills.

The ancient people of the area apparently were like the pygmies later, hunters and gatherers. But the digs seem to indicate that they lived in solidly constructed houses of several rooms, unlike the inhabitants of Yaounde at the time of the colonial conquest. Homes at that time, the German explorers wrote, were bark or grass huts, easily taken down and moved in time of "death or danger."

De Maret found the sites by using clues from a map drawn up about 1940 by a French civil servant. (After world war I, the French took over the administration of this part of Cameroon). The map mentioned a discovery of stone axe-heads, but gave no details. The archeologist hopes to document a link between the era of agricultural man in the area and its first iron-working peoples, "constituting a neolithic period that is specifically Cameroonian". But for the time being, he has had to stop his work at Obobogo, having exhausted his subsidy from the Royal Belgian Museum for central Africa and the Belgian Fund for Anthropological Research.

The thick soil of southern Cameroon has proved an obstacle to archeological research in the past, and it is hundreds of miles from Yaounde, in the savannah of the north, that the first signs of ancient man were found: Paleolithic tools and pottery at Markabey near Maroua, rock paintings on the Tinguin cliffs near Garoua.

For De Maret the goal of archeology in Africa should be to provide "authentic history for the Africans, who even today feel great frustrations stemming from the impression that their people were born with colonialism."

"The search for rare or beautiful artifacts can be meaningful only if it helps place African man in his original context," he said.

Handicapped enjoy music with wheel chair dancing

By Sigrid Laska-Johring

BRUHL, (DN) — Experts call her the "mother of seated dancing." Sixty-year-old Marianne Frerichs of Bruhl (Federal Republic of Germany) has ventured on to largely untrodden territory. She has done the choreography for 26 dances for wheelchair-bound handicapped people. With rock and cha-cha, rumba, beat and "wonder-music", she lures the handicapped out of their reserve and encourages them to wheel and spin around the dance floor. For many handicapped people, Frerichs has pointed the way to a new feeling for living.

Frerichs knows that dancing relaxes body and soul. Recently, demonstrating a wheelchair dance to beat music in the Rhineland town of Bruhl, local civic officials present were delighted and amazed. Her next aim is to encourage young wheelchair users to take up dancing.

Up to now, this highly active pensioner whose chosen home is in the Rhineland danced only with elderly people, drawing them out of their isolation and making sure they got some fun and enjoyment. When she makes her rounds of old people's homes, she transforms the atmosphere. She is well aware of the fact that loneliness often makes old age a torment. This is why, for some years now, old people's encounter centers, communal organizations and churches have been striving to bring social life and amusement into the lives of the

elderly without commerce and consumer madness. The city of Berlin, for example, holds banquets and organizes regular summer excursions for senior citizens.

They Federal Ministry for Youth, Family and Health has launched a pilot venture to show that old people's homes need not be places of boredom and dullness. This is being carried out at a Bonn old people's center offering a wide range of activities such as singing, card-games, gymnastics pottery and, of course, dancing. The dancing is run by Frerichs, who is a model example of an active elderly lady. Once a week, she organizes "dance tears" for other women.

It's only 13 years since Frerich exchanged the role of housewife for that of a "professional lady", taking over the running of an old people's home in Bruhl. She got the idea for dancing classes from a dancing teacher she met. And since she has played the piano since childhood, Frerich attended several courses then "got to work" on the old people in her charge — with great success. The old ladies who turn out for dancing lessons are proud to find they can still learn and acquire skills.

Frerich is now very much in demand and there's widespread interest in her wheelchair dances. It's a well known fact that music can have a therapeutic effect and can help old people to think more positively about life.



WATER BIRDS: Photographed upon their arrival in Saudi Arabia in Qatif. Shown here are slenderbill gulls, gull-bill terns and whiskered terns. The area north of Qatif is particularly good for harriers, buzzards, wagtails and kingfishers.

Thailand has 'chronic violence, illegal weapon crackdown begun

By Thuang Mytne

BANGKOK, Thailand, (R) — Armed with U.S. weapons left behind at the end of the Vietnam War, gunmen are plunging Thailand into a chronic state of violence. Murders have increased to 50 a day compared with 40 last year, while other violent crimes are being committed at the rate of one every seven minutes, according to a senior police officer.

Police Major-General Phaw and other law enforcement officers attending a recent seminar here on crime blamed the mounting violence on weapons which became abundant in Thailand after the end of the war in neighboring Indochina in 1975.

Thousands of soldiers defeated by Communist armies streamed into Thailand with American weapons from Laos, Kampuchea and South Vietnam. Most of their guns fell into the hands of crime syndicates and individual gangsters, they said. These weapons range from pistols to M-16 infantry rifles, M-79 grenade launchers and light machine guns.

Police officials said the weapons were a boon to Thailand's growing number of bandits and gangsters, always ready to lend their services for a fee to ambitious politicians, businessmen and even Buddhist monks.

The court in the ancient city of Ayutthaya

north of here recently sentenced to death a senior monk found guilty of murdering the chief city abbot through a hired gunman.

The gangster who shot dead the abbot on payment of \$2,000 dollars two years ago was given a life sentence. Unlike the monk, he had pleaded guilty.

In the central province of Petchaburi, west of Bangkok, gunmen opened fire with M-16 and M-79 weapons on two monks and a family of four, seriously wounding all of them.

A day later, in Nakhon Pathom Province near Bangkok a rice merchant died in a hail of M-16 bullets fired from a passing car. Police said the slain merchant had many business enemies any of whom could have put out a contract on him. Thus he joined the statistics of unsolved crimes.

Gunmen either work as free-lance killers, hiring themselves out to the highest bidder, or serve as retainers for rich families who are politically and economically powerful in their localities and permit no competition.

"But these influential people are in fact owners of gambling dens or bigtime narcotics traffic," said seminar chairman police Major-General Eathaporn Vimutanont.

Officials and academics at the seminar feared that Thailand faced more violent crimes in relation to narcotics because of the

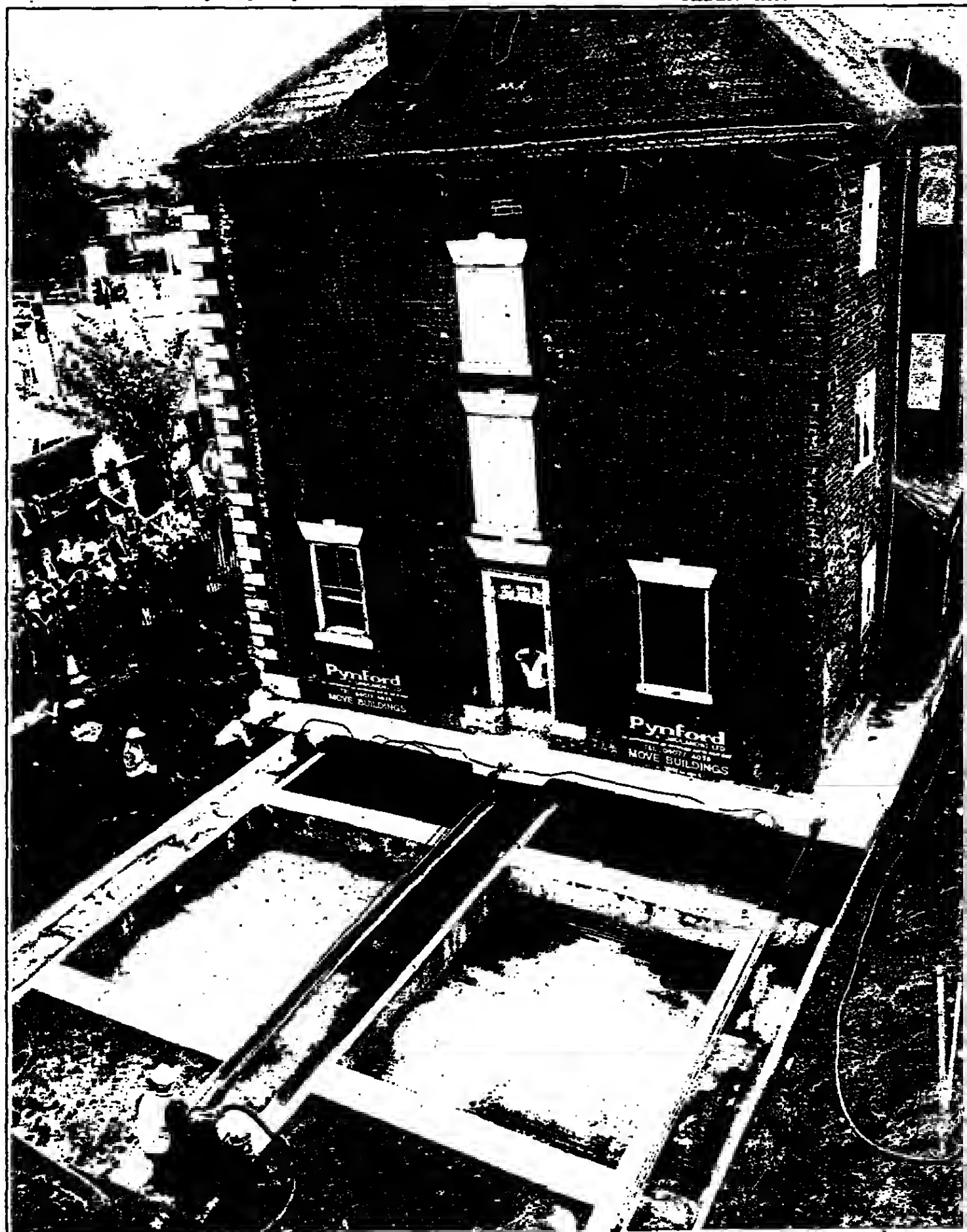
bumper opium crop this year, estimated at 600 tons.

The crop is produced in the "Golden Triangle" where Burma, Laos and Thailand meet and passes through this country on the way to Western markets.

Following the gangland-style slaying last June of politically powerful tycoon Chum-Phol Sukphrang, also known as the "God-father of the eastern seaboard," the police cracked down on illegal weapons in his native coastal province of Chonburi, south of Bangkok.

Police discovery of more than 1,000 pieces of U.S. military hardware held by various people with fake licenses shocked the government. A random police raid here last month found 20 military rifles and several bombs hidden in the modest home of a former cavalry regiment soldier. The ex-soldier said he collected guns as a hobby. While urging security forces to intensify their daunting task of recovering illicit weapons and capturing the gunmen, the government has also called on the public for cooperation.

Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda, opening the seminar, appealed to the people that without their cooperation government efforts to maintain law and order would not succeed.



BUILDING FLOATED: The historical Warrington Academy was "floated" to a new site in 13 minutes. The 700-ton building was moved 180 feet to make way for a new road. Traditionally, the 236-year-old academy would have been placed on a set of wheels, but its weight and age made this impossible. Instead the contractors doing the job used giant hydraulic jacks which floated the building on a cushion of grease.

S.E.-Asian refugees exempted

Reagan orders halt to illegal immigrants

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan has moved to stop the flow of illegal immigrants from the Caribbean into the United States and at the same time urged Congress to welcome thousands of refugees from Southeast Asia.

Tuesday night, he ordered the U.S. Coast Guard to stop and board any ships, U.S. and foreign, on the high seas believed to be carrying illegal refugees into the United States. While Reagan did not identify any countries in his stop and search order, it appeared to be directed mainly at Haitian immigrants who have been arriving in Florida in large numbers.

U.S. officials said the Haitians were trying to escape impoverished conditions at home and did not qualify as genuine political

refugees entitled to asylum. "When there is reason to believe that an offense is being committed against U.S. immigration laws," Reagan said, the Coast Guard should return the vessel and its passengers to the country from which they came.

Earlier Tuesday, a State Department official ran into opposition from some Congressmen when he urged them to approve funds for a continuing influx of Asian refugees.

Undersecretary of State Walter Stoessel told the House of Representatives' Judiciary Committee that the number of refugees entering the United States from Indochina was expected to fall to less than 100,000 next year. But he called on Congress to maintain a large admission quota for refugees from Vietnam, Kampuchea and Laos, saying it was an important U.S. foreign policy matter.

Committee chairman Peter Rodino said Congress might resist authorizing funds for refugees at a time when programs for U.S. citizens were being cut back by the Reagan administration. Stoessel said a strong legal refugee program for those fleeing Communist domination was crucial in keeping the good will of Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore.

"Without international support, some countries of first asylum will take desperate measures to fend off the refugees," he said. But Rodino and other committee members said Congress would eventually refuse to fund any further refugee assistance, which according to one member's estimate, cost over \$3.5 billion a year including training and resettlement expenses.

In Miami, Florida, an official said Coast Guard ships would be on the high seas within days to turn away boats suspected of carrying illegal immigrants, but a lawyer for refugees called Reagan's new policy on aliens illegal and racist.

"We interpret the president's proclamation as an order to get going immediately," Tom Stewart, associate director of public affairs for the Justice Department, said Tuesday in Washington. He said the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service will be stopping refugee boats in the windward passage between Haiti and Cuba "within a matter of days."

4 Italian officials held

ROME (AFP) — Four high-ranking Italian civil servants, including a leading official in the Council of State, were arrested here Wednesday on charges of irregularities in public appointments, official sources said. The four were named as Aldo Quartulli, a section chief in the Council of State, and three department directors in the Treasury Ministry, Giovanni Danielli, Ludovico di Biasi and Giovanni Ruggeri.

Charges against them involved irregularities in a public examination organized by the state accountancy division for appointments of inspectors, the sources said.

Squatters given flats

BERLIN, Sept. 30 (AFP) — The West Berlin government will place 110 apartments in 10 empty buildings at the disposal of all citizens, including squatters, the senator in charge of construction, Ulrich Rastemborski has announced.

The move came at a time when relations between squatters and the government were decidedly deteriorated following the accident at death of an 18-year-old youth during a demonstration last week against evacuation by the police of eight buildings inhabited by squatters.

After a Senate meeting devoted to the problem of empty buildings in West Berlin, Rastemborski said they should be taken over by church-charity institutions.



U.N. MEETING: Portuguese Foreign Minister Amaro (left) confers with U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim at the United Nations Tuesday.

54 Poles seek asylum in Canada

MONTREAL, Sept. 30 (AP) — One of 54 Poles who left a Polish cruise ship and asked for asylum in Canada has said she planned two years in advance to flee her homeland because of the economic and political turmoil there.

"I had to," she said Tuesday through an interpreter as she and the others went through immigration procedures here. "The boat trip costs 10 times my average monthly salary." The woman, like other members of the group, asked not to be identified for fear of reprisals against relatives still in Poland.

The passenger liner *Stefan Batory* sailed from Montreal on Monday, leaving behind the 52 passengers and two crew members who chose to stay in Canada. The ship had 550 passengers and a crew of more than 300 when it docked Friday.

Hijack attempt foiled in Warsaw

WARSAW, Sept. 30 (AP) — Police foiled an attempted hijacking to West Berlin by overpowering a razor-wielding 18-year-old youth while the plane was still on the ground, the official PAP news agency has said.

PAP said Tuesday the crew became suspicious when they found one extra passenger on board the Lot Polish airlines An-24 Turboprop as it was preparing to depart Warsaw for Szczecin late Tuesday. When a uniformed policeman came on board to investigate, PAP

said, the youth pulled out a razor and threatened to kill a fellow passenger unless the pilot flew to West Berlin.

PAP said the passengers "by joint threat" forced the would-be hijacker, identified only as Marek K., to the rear of the plane where he was overpowered by police. So far this year, three Polish airliners have been diverted to West Berlin, where the hijackers sought political asylum. Several other attempted hijackings have reportedly been foiled.

"Poland is a country in turmoil, meaning they fit into a special category, and immigration standards are relaxed in those cases," immigration officer Pierre Fallu said.

Move to confuse public

Tass raps U.S. booklet

MOSCOW, Sept. 30 (R) — The Soviet Union has said that a U.S. booklet on Soviet military might had been released to confuse, intimidate and misinform public opinion in the West. The indictment of the 99-page booklet, presented in Washington Tuesday by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, came in a report by Tass military commentator Vladimir Bogachyov.

Tass attacked its publication Tuesday as a propaganda move by the Reagan administration aimed at substantiating what it described as the sharp turn in U.S. foreign policy from negotiation to confrontation. It was also intended to justify increases in U.S. military expenditure, Tass said.

The booklet which contains maps, photographs and diagrams of Soviet weapons and installations, has been released to support Washington's assertions that the East-West military balance is now in Moscow's favor. Tass said that a first glance at the booklet indicated that it had been published "with the sole aim of confusing, intimidating and misinforming public opinion in the West."

It went on: "By unleashing a new anti-Soviet campaign, the Pentagon seeks to sow fear and distrust of the USSR and of its policy and under the cover of that to make attempts to upset, in the U.S.'s favor, the established military-strategic parity between the USSR and the USA."

Tass said the booklet had clearly been compiled in a hurry without any attempt to "analyze in a serious way the correlation of military might of the sides in the world or in Europe." It said the authors of the booklet had taken individual elements of the Soviet armed forces from the overall balance and compared them in a deliberately distorted way with U.S. forces.

Tass said no account had been taken of what it described as the huge number of U.S. military bases near Soviet territory or the

presence of U.S. aircraft carriers and submarines in the Mediterranean, the Indian Ocean or the Gulf. It added that Weinberger had assumed the role of conductor of the new anti-Soviet campaign by personally writing the foreword to the booklet.

In Washington, Weinberger Tuesday denied any propaganda intent, in publishing the booklet.

Some American observers say the report contains little that is new, and doubt whether it will convince those in Europe who dismiss the alleged Soviet threat. One drawback of the report is that it fails to present tables of comparison between Soviet and U.S. forces. Now although the Russians seem undeniably superior in some sectors — 50,000 tanks in the Soviet Army against the U.S. Army's 11,000 — such superiority is a lot less manifest in other sectors.

The report, for instance, says that the Soviet Union has 7,000 nuclear warheads — but does not mention that the United States has 9,200.

On the domestic aspect of the report, Weinberger said: "This booklet is not designed to convince Congress. It has nothing to do with domestic considerations." But the impression prevails in America nonetheless that it is no coincidence that the Pentagon should choose this particular moment to publish an alarmist report on Soviet power.

Guillaume leaves jail

BONN, Sept. 30 (AFP) — East German master spy Guenter Guillaume is likely to be exchanged with dissidents held by the East Berlin government some time within the next 48 hours, well-informed sources reported here Wednesday.

Guillaume, who was responsible for the resignation of West German Chancellor Willy Brandt May 4, 1974, left Reimbach Jail, 20 kms from Bonn, Tuesday night and is being treated at the clinic of the medical school here, the sources said. He is reportedly suffering from stomach and kidney trouble as well as hypertension, and his health is said to have taken a turn for the worse in recent days.

West German President Karl Carstens reportedly pardoned Guillaume — who was sentenced to 13 years in jail for high treason in 1975 — a few days ago as part of a massive secret spy-exchange deal involving at least four Communist agents held in France, Denmark and South Africa and some 60 East German political prisoners.

Bonn officials continued to maintain total silence. A spokesman here said Wednesday that "the government remains faithful to its policy: it neither confirms, nor denies" reports concerning Guillaume's liberation.

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SDP split on Bonn protest at missiles

BONN, Sept. 30 (AFP) — The crisis in West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's Social Democratic Party (SDP) — deepened Wednesday as the differences grew between right and left elements.

The left has made it clear it will ignore what amounted to a call from Schmidt Tuesday night to stay out of the planned massive peace demonstration in Bonn on Oct. 10. In an appeal to party officials for unity after last Sunday's disastrous local election results in Lower Saxony the chancellor said such demonstrations were a "sort of declaration of war against the federal government".

The one in Bonn, expected to attract a crowd of 10,000 including a large number of left-wing SPD members of parliament, would "weaken the SDP and the government coalition (with the Liberals) and reduce the weight of West Germany in regard to the United States and the Soviet Union," Schmidt said.

But the left, under Erhard Eppler, party executive member and former minister, wants to show its opposition to Schmidt's policy of accepting the siting of U.S. nuclear missiles in West Germany by joining Communists, ecologists and anarchists in the Oct. 10 protest.

In the middle is party chairman and former Chancellor Willy Brandt, who is apparently against a trial of strength between the left and the party's majority. Officially he goes along with Schmidt, but reports in newspapers close to the party suggest that the two are no longer on the same wavelength.

However, Schmidt retains his personal popularity among the electorate, particularly among the working classes. His resignation under left-wing pressure would mean not only the collapse of the coalition with the Liberals but the certain return of the SDP to long-term opposition after 12 years in power, observers said.

French demonstrators occupy AFP offices

PARIS, Sept. 30 (AFP) — Some 50 demonstrators demanding the release of 15 prisoners briefly occupied the offices of the Agence France-Presse here Wednesday. The demonstrators, who earlier forced their way into the offices of a Paris daily newspaper, were demanding publication of a communiqué in support of 15 persons staging hunger strikes in French prisons.

Having gained access to the AFP offices early Wednesday the demonstrators distributed over AFP wires a false news dispatch which said that one of the hunger strikers, a member of the extreme left "Action Directe" autonomy group, had died in hospital at Fresnes Prison near here.

U.N. investigation urged

Khmers allege Viet chemical attack

BANGKOK, Sept. 30 (Agencies) — Kampuchea's ousted Khmer Rouge government said Wednesday that Vietnamese forces attacked a village in eastern Kampuchea with toxic chemicals last week, causing serious illness to 10 persons.

The Voice Democratic Kampuchea, the China-based Khmer Rouge radio, said in a broadcast monitored here that from Sept. 17 to 19 Koopokdei commune in Siem Reap province, was the target of a chemical attack. Quoting a statement from the Khmer Rouge Information Ministry, the radio said the Vietnamese sprayed toxic chemicals from aircraft and fired canisters of gas at the settlement from 105-mm artillery.

The statement appealed to the United Nations to force Vietnam to stop using chemical weapons against the Kampuchean people, the radio said. Vietnamese-led forces ousted the Khmer Rouge from Phnom Penh in January 1979 and Viet-

namese troops are still in Kampuchea in support of the present administration.

The United States said earlier this month it had compelling evidence that Soviet-backed forces in Kampuchea, Laos and Afghanistan were using deadly poisons known as mycotoxins in their wars against insurgents. It called for a United Nations investigation.

Officials in Thailand, which borders Kampuchea, said the United Nations had sought permission from the Bangkok government to send a team of investigators to the border area. The officials told reporters Wednesday that Thailand welcomed the U.N. investigation and said that Thailand had charged Vietnam with using chemical weapons in Kampuchea from the time of its 1979 invasion.

Long Sary, head of the Democratic Kampuchea delegation at the U.N. General Assembly, Tuesday accused Vietnamese forces of having used chemical weapons in

Cambodia. "The expansionists of Hanoi even have the impudence to use them now near cities and near the Thai border," Long Sary said in a speech to the assembly.

He said that 55 persons were killed or wounded when Vietnamese troops lobbed toxic gas bombs at the village of Takong, about 10 kms from the city of Sisophon, in Battambang province, recently.

Meanwhile, the Vietnamese-installed Cambodian Government of Heng Samrin Wednesday said it refused to accept the activities and conclusions of the United Nations group formed to investigate the reports on use of toxic chemicals and would consider the team illegal.

The strongly-worded denial, carried by the official news agency SPK, broadcast from Phnom Penh and monitored in Bangkok, laid the blame for what it called these "perfidious" reports on the "American imperialists" and Chinese "expansionists".

Ignorance about Third World

McHenry attacks U.S. policy

By Susan I. Gray
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 — A former top-level Carter administration official has lashed out at the Reagan administration for what he calls its policy of labeling all instability in the developing countries as "Communist-inspired" and becoming identified with the "status quo and injustice."

Speaking to a group of Georgetown University graduate students, former Ambassador to the United Nations Donald McHenry predicted that bow the United States reacts to this instability will determine its future as a world power. "Our challenge," McHenry said, "is to recognize that change is inevitable and desirable."

Calling the United States "terribly ignorant" of the language, history and culture of the Third World, McHenry said the Reagan White House tries to simplify policy-making by blaming all problems on the "Communists."

McHenry, now a professor at Georgetown

University, says "we have learned to live with the bomb." But American ignorance about the Third World and what he calls a lapse into "middle-aged thinking" threatens U.S. security interests.

The greatest danger the United States faces in the last two decades of the 20th century is not a direct confrontation with the Soviet Union. The real danger, according to McHenry, is that the United States will "misinterpret changing situations in the Third World and be drawn into a conflict."

McHenry describes no "quick fixes". Instead he urges the United States to learn to "manage the problems and do what we can to keep things under control."

Speaking more specifically about his year and a half as the American ambassador to the United Nations, McHenry readily admitted that the issues at the international body are tied up in "U.S. domestic politics."

"The whole question of the Middle East colors the United Nations," says McHenry, who cast the controversial vote in March 1970 condemning Israel's settlement policy on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

'No-Smo King' carries campaign beyond grave

APPLETREEWICK, England, Sept. 30 (AP) — Anti-smoking activist John Showers, self-proclaimed "No-Smo King" of Britain, has unveiled plans to take his anti-smoking campaign a step further-beyond the grave.

Showers, 77, owner of a pub in this North Yorkshire village, took the wraps off a tomb he had built for himself on the pub grounds that comes fully equipped with a tape recorder that greets visitors in his voice. "Hello. How nice of you to come and see me," it says. "Of course you are worried about your smoking, aren't you?"

You smoke too many, and if you carry on like that you will end up where I am. You see, I didn't smoke, so I lived to a great age."

A plaque on the tomb commemorates the anniversary of the day in 1971 that Showers banned smoking in his pub — still unheard-of in Britain's public houses. The rule made him an instant celebrity.

Showers dismissed reporters' suggestions Tuesday that showing off his tomb was a bit morbid and said he looks forward to continuing his anti-smoking crusade in person for quite some time.

Floods claim 400 in Nepal

KATHMANDU, Sept. 30 (AP) — About 400 persons living in villages along the banks of the flooded Tinau River, 300 kms southwest of Kathmandu, are feared dead as a result of two days of heavy rainfall in this Himalayan kingdom, the government-owned Radio Nepal said Tuesday. So far, 35 bodies have been recovered, official sources said.

The radio report said that the devastating floods, caused by heavy rain that fell from Monday until Tuesday night, have also destroyed houses. People in the Nahapur village were reportedly marooned.

BRIEFS

BELFAST, (AFP) — Cardinal Thomas O'Fiaich, head of the Roman Catholic church in Ireland, Wednesday met the British government's new Northern Ireland Secretary James Prior. The cardinal was accompanied by a priest who has had frequent contacts with the Republican hunger strikers, and observers believed the cardinal asked Prior to make a gesture toward the hunger strikers.

PRETORIA (AFP) — Six South African servicemen died Tuesday night in a helicopter crash at Oshakati, northern Namibia, defense headquarters here said Wednesday. Oshakati armed forces base lies 60 kms south of the frontier with Angola, in the heart of Namibia's operational zone, where South African forces are involved in a low intensity war against nationalists of the Southwest Africa Peoples' Organization (SWAPO).

STOCKHOLM (AFP) — Former Swedish Premier Olof Palme was re-elected Tuesday as head of the Social Democratic Party at the party's 20th congress. He has headed the party for 12 years.

Haig assures Africans of Namibian settlement

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 30 (Agencies) — Secretary of State Alexander Haig has said that independence for Namibia (Southwest Africa) had high priority in the Reagan administration and that real progress had been made on resolving the dispute.

He told African states the U.S. objective was full implementation next year of a U.N. Security Council resolution setting out procedures for the independence of the South African-ruled territory. Haig was speaking Tuesday at a luncheon of ministers of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) here for the U.N. General Assembly.

The United States is a member of a group of five Western nations seeking a solution to the Namibia question. Last week the group announced it has agreed on a set of constitutional principles and a timetable for further negotiations.

"Since the beginning of my work as secretary of state I have considered southern African issues and the resolution of the Namibian problem in particular to be among our government's highest priorities," Haig said.

He said the complexity and long-standing nature of the Namibia issue made it clear that progress would demand a long and arduous effort. But he said, "I believe we have now made real progress." The objective of the Western contact group on Namibia was the full implementation of the Security Council resolution in 1982, he said.

In Capetown, meanwhile, Prime Minister Pieter Botha met senior members of the South African media Tuesday and asked them to be "circumspect" about reporting on Namibia, the South African Press Association (SAPA) said. At the meeting were the chief editors of all the country's main newspapers and the television service, and the

chairmen and general managers of the chief press groups.

SAPA said the purpose of the meeting "was to brief the press fully on the Namibian negotiations on a confidential basis and to request them to use circumspection in reporting, owing to the delicacy of the issue".

The agency gave no further details. With the premier were Foreign Minister Roelof Botha, Defense Minister Gen. Magnus Malan, and the Foreign Ministry's permanent undersecretary, Brand Fourie.

Fourie met Chester Crocker, U.S. assistant secretary for African affairs, in Geneva last week. A senior American official closely involved in those talks said afterward that "significant step" had been taken and that Pretoria's position was such that there was now "a basis to move forward" on getting an independence settlement for Namibia.

Refugee exodus from Bangladesh worries Indians

NEW DELHI, Sept. 30 (Agencies) — The entire administration of the northeastern Indian state of Tripura has been put on standing alert over the continuing flow of tribal refugees from the Chittagong hill district in neighboring Bangladesh, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported Wednesday.

In a dispatch from Tripura's capital Agartala, PTI said that 2,000 more refugees had arrived Tuesday, bringing the total number to 17,000 since the mass exodus began about 10 days ago.

Indian officials believed the influx of Buddhist Chakma tribesmen was due to disturbances in the Chittagong hill area, where non-tribal residents have allegedly been attacking the Chakmas.

An Indian Foreign Ministry spokesman estimated here Tuesday that if the influx continued at the present rate of 2,000 a day, the total number of refugees would shortly go up to 30,000.

In Dacca, meanwhile, a Bangladesh government spokesman Tuesday disclaimed any large-scale movement of refugees to neighboring India.

The Chittagong tribals, some of them armed, have risen in revolt against Bangladesh government plans to settle non-tribals on their lands. Refugees to India have reported that army troops deployed in the region set fire to their homes, raped their women and killed several people including children.

The sheltering of refugees in temporary encampments along the India-Bangladesh border "involved heavy financial and administrative burden" to India, which desires their early return.

Indian border forces have obstructed navigation by Bangladesh nationals along the Feni River in recent days, a Foreign Office spokesman said in Dacca.



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Venezuela pins hope on unified oil price

CARACAS, Sept. 30 (R) — The Organization of Oil Exporting Countries (OPEC) faces a bleak future unless it reaches an agreement to unify prices at its next meeting, Venezuelan Oil Minister Humberto Calderon Berti has said.

A previous attempt at price reunification failed a month ago when some members declined to lower their price to \$34.

Venezuela sells its crude at an average of \$36 and Venezuelan exports fell from a daily average of 2,165,000 barrels last year to a current 2,083,000 as a result of the present world glut.

The Organization's outlook looks gloomy if we fail to unify prices at our next meeting, with the possibility of a year-long price freeze," Calderon Berti told reporters.

"We must elaborate a long-term strategy aimed at restoring normal export levels and regain the consumer countries' confidence through a stable price policy," he added.

Toyota recalls defective jeeps

TOKYO, Sept. 30 (AP) — Toyota Motor Co. announced Thursday a worldwide recall of "Land Cruiser" jeeps manufactured from Aug. 9, 1980, to Sept. 17, 1981, because of a defect in the steering system.

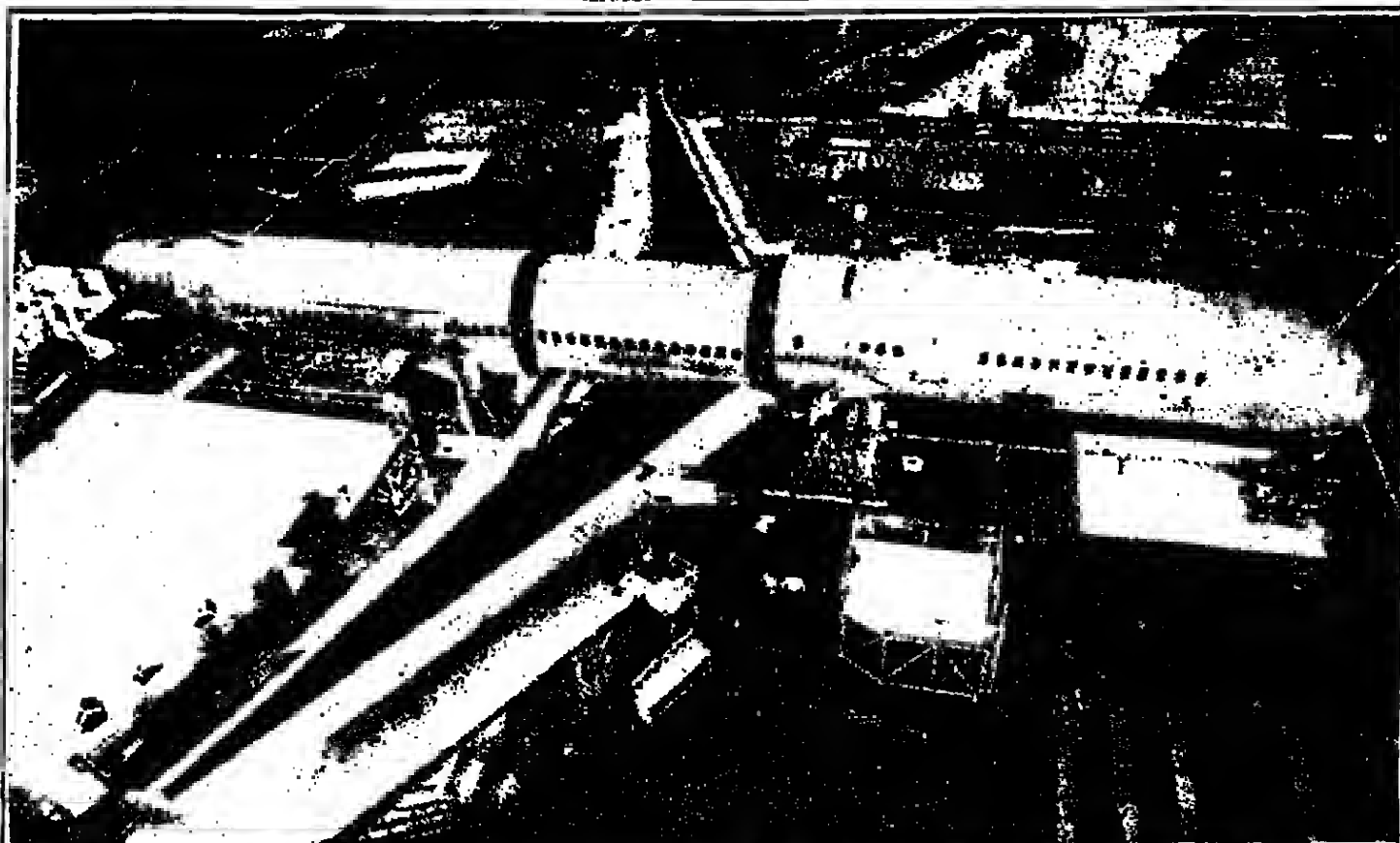
The company said 34,032 vehicles will be affected by the recall. Of that number, only 4,668 were sold in Japan. The remaining 29,364 units were exported to Iraq, Australia, Papua New Guinea, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Kuwait and the United States. The company did not give a breakdown for individual countries.

Nineteen accidents caused by steering problems have been reported, a company spokesman said.

EEC strikes accord on fishing

BRUSSELS, Sept. 30 (AP) — European Common Market ministers have reached agreement on three major points concerning community fishery policy.

Current agricultural ministerial council president, Peter Walker of Britain, described the agreement as an important step toward reaching a global Common Market fisheries policy.



"GOING TOGETHER: Another model was added to the list of aircraft of the Boeing Company last week when the initial 757 was assembled" at the Renton, Washington, plant. Some 136 orders have been placed for the twin jet. It will replace the 727 when deliveries start in 1984.

Despite potential

Global firms lukewarm to 3rd World oil hunt

LONDON, Sept. 30 (AFP) — Oil production in developing countries other than those of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is likely to double by 1990, and yet the international companies are hesitant about investing in these regions.

An expert from the International Energy Agency (IEA), Hermann Franssen, told an oil seminar here that these countries' output could be 10 million to 12 million barrels a day in 1990, against this year's six million. By the end of the century the figure may well be 12 million to 14 million barrels a day.

So far, the oil majors have been adopting a reserved attitude toward Third World investment. Current statistics show that 90 percent of world oil search is in North America, three-quarters of this being in the United States.

In the 1970's, there was only a small increase in Third World search activity, according to Francisco Parra, a Venezuelan consultant and former OPEC secretary-general. Even since the 1979-80 price rises, apart from Mexico, oil search has been unconvincing.

Some \$3.5 billion are spent in an average year on oil exploration in the Third World. One third of this sum is spent by the seven majors, another third by state companies, particularly in India and Brazil, and a third by independent U.S. and Canadian firms.

One reason for the cautious stance by the international operators is the low oil potential in these regions. Deposits often turn out

to be very small, compared with the giant fields in the Middle East. Mobil Oil President William Tavoulares told the seminar.

But the political and economic risks are what bother the big companies most. The Mobil chief pointed to the "negative effect" of tax applied in most producing countries where the state can take 85 percent or more of profits from crude production.

Tavoulares said this attitude by the OPEC members meant that revenue earmarked by companies for investment was being siphoned off. Former OPEC Secretary Rene Ortiz challenged this remark, affirming that the companies' profits were high in the

Plan enjoys public support--Reagan

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan told congressional supporters Tuesday that the United States public still supports his economic program and he urged them to stand firm "when others start to panic."

At a White House party thrown for members of Congress who backed his budget and tax cut programs, Reagan said it took years for the country to get into economic difficulty and the people understand it will take "time and hard work to set things right."

"So when others start to panic, remember that the people are still on our side," Reagan said. "And as long as we're sincerely trying to put America's house in order, they will stay

developing territories, although not as great as in the U.S."

United States Energy Secretary James Edwards believed the companies would speed money provided governments ensured a hospitable business environment comparable with that in the United States. Parra of Venezuela called for the setting up of an exploration insurance fund that would partially cover the risk for operators in the third world.

In the event of a gusher, the oil company would make a contribution to the fund. If drilling proved fruitless, the fund would pay the operator part of his costs. Parra suggested the initial fund capital might be \$500 million to \$1,000 million.

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"The whole country is grateful to you for what you accomplished this summer," Reagan said. "For the first time in years, there are signs of hope and more confidence among our people."

Reagan made only one reference to his latest proposals for deeper budget cuts, but warned his guests not to be turned from the faith because "some people got a bad case of the jitters" after the summer recess. He said there already are signs of economic progress and the public will stand by the administration and its friends in Congress until his program has had time to work.

Donors reach accord

IDA surmounts funds crisis

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 (AFP) — Donor countries struck a compromise ensuring that the International Development Association (IDA) will be able to continue "soft" lending to low-income countries in the current financial year, although its resources may be lower than hoped, reliable sources said.

Deputy governors of the World Bank affiliate settled a tricky legal point by agreeing that other donor countries should be allowed to pay less to IDA in financial year 1982 to match the proposed reduction of the U.S. contribution during the year.

Delegates said IDA should nonetheless be able to carry out most of its initial lending program since most of the donor countries might not take advantage of this arrangement. "The crisis has been temporarily solved," one official said. IDA was unable to commit loans for several months this year because the United States delayed its contribution.

Under the sixth replenishment of IDA resources, initially scheduled to take effect July 1, 1980, the Carter administration committed the United States to a total contribution of \$3.240 billion, or 1,080 billion a year over three years. The initial agreement set the total amount of the replenishment at \$12,000 billion to be paid in three equal annual instalments.

The agreement also contained a "trigger" clause, stipulating that formal notification of the availability of at least 80 percent of the total would be needed to make the sixth replenishment effective. This would require U.S. participation, but appropriations were held up last year by the U.S. Congress.

The Reagan administration finally said last Aug. 1 that the United States would participate in full, but that it was paying down only \$500 million for the first year, spreading the

balance over three years instead of two.

Sources said the "deputies" agreed Tuesday to "forget" about the failure to meet the trigger requirement last year, when IDA was kept going thanks to advance contributions from 22 countries totaling \$2,400 billion despite the absence of U.S. funds.

But they also agreed that other donors should now be able to make use of their legal right to reduce their payments this year pro rata with the United States. The U.S. has indicated it will pay about \$820 million in fiscal 1982, which would be about 24 percent less than the 1,080-billion-dollar instalment initially expected. IDA credits, held vital to the poorest countries, are interest-free and are granted for 50 years with a small service charge.

'Group of 77' swells to 123

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 30 (AP) — The biggest caucus in the United Nations got even bigger Tuesday.

The "Group of 77", so called because that many developing countries organized it in 1964, had already grown to 121 as more and more such countries became U.N. members. Now, at a meeting here, it took in the two newest U.N. members, Vanuatu and Belize — and grew to 123.

Working as a group enables the developing countries to take common positions on economic issues and promote them in U.N. bodies. Venezuelan Foreign Minister Jose Alberto Zambrano Velasco presided at the meeting. It was private, but participants afterward reported the group's enlargement.

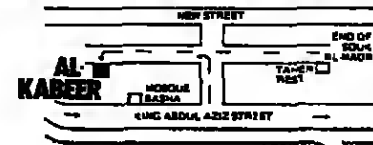
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IMF conference

France lashes out at U.S. policy

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 (AFP) — France openly challenged the Reagan administration's monetarist policy Tuesday night and its stance toward developing countries at the start of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank annual meetings here.

Speaking after President Ronald Reagan's strong opening plea for market forces to be given a freer hand in the world economy, French Economy and Finance Minister Jacques Delors denounced the adverse impact on other countries of the high level of U.S. interest rates.

He said the European Economic Community (EEC) countries, including France, had failed to "convince their American partner of the gravity of the risks faced by the international community" as a result of U.S. policies.

Delors said these risks included "a dangerous destabilization of developing countries crumbling under the burden of their debts, and of industrialized countries sapped by unemployment and growing inequalities."

Addressing the assembly for the first time as representative of France's new Socialist government, Delors also affirmed that allowing a decrease of official development assistance was "not only a moral default, but also an error in economic terms."

U.S. Monetary policy — which has led to record interest rates over the past year with a parallel sharp appreciation of the U.S. dollar — also came in for criticism by West Germany's Finance Minister Hans Ehard. Without naming the U.S., he said some countries had recently been leaning "to a large extent" on monetary measures to fight inflation. "To be successful, monetary policy must not be left alone," he said. "A broader based approach is needed."

In line with Delors, the German minister said the adjustment effort of developing countries must be reinforced through increased official aid.

Meanwhile, the directors of IMF urged the

Reagan administration Tuesday to resist criticism of high interest rates and stick to its policy of fighting inflation.

"Reduction of the rate of U.S. inflation is crucial to world economic stability. It must be achieved," Jacques de Larosiere said. "The effort thus far to combat inflation has been encouraging, monetary targets have been set, and deep budget cuts have been made," he said.

Like Larosiere, Japan's spokesman, Bank of Japan Governor Haruo Mayekawa, said industrial countries must "give first priority to the containment of inflation."

Mayekawa emphasized the merits of market forces and stringent economic management. He said development assistance support the "self-help efforts" of developing countries "since we are now facing the reality that funds are not unlimited."

Noting that Japan's gross national product (GNP) now accounts for one-tenth of world aggregate GNP, he said the "stability...of our economy also contributes to the world economy."

Allan MacEachen, Canada's deputy premier and finance minister, also recognized that curbing inflation was a pre-condition for lower interest rates and better growth. But he also implicitly criticized the Reagan administration by noting that if "all major

France unveils \$40b budget

PARIS, Sept. 30 (AFP) — The cabinet Wednesday adopted a 1982 budget calling for 788,100 million francs (\$40 billion) in public spending, an increase of 27.6 percent over the 1981 budget. The deficit is to be 95,400 million francs (\$17 billion).

Revenues are to total 704,300 million francs (\$125.7 billion), up 19 percent. The deficit also includes extra spending of 11,600 million francs (\$2.07 billion) for temporary operations.

Major new expenses include creation of more than 71,000 jobs, payment of 18,600 million francs (\$3.4 billion) in direct aid to support employment levels, \$1,500 million francs (\$14.5 billion) for public works, 25,400 million francs (\$ 4.5 billion) for research in the public works sector, and 34,400 million francs (\$6.14 billion) in aid to industry.

There will also be spending related to raising the minimum old age pensions to 2,000 francs (\$357) per month Jan. 1. The family and housing allowances will also be raised, and aid to local communities will total about 100,000 million francs (\$17.80 billion). Beginning Thursday, civil servant and military salaries will rise 4.3 percent. But the pay rise will not apply fully to monthly salaries exceeding 12,500 francs (\$2,232). Income tax categories will be adjusted to account for inflation.

Meanwhile, new revenue will come from a wealth tax, a 10 percent "unemployment"

industrial countries achieve a better balance between monetary and fiscal policy, our individual efforts will be reinforced." The "strain of high interest rates" would then be reduced, he said.

Speaking on behalf of the five northern European countries, Sweden's Central Bank Governor Lars Wohlin urged the need to fight unemployment as well as inflation. In an apparent reply to remarks by President Reagan in his inaugural statement, the Nordic representative said:

"We are well aware of the need to keep our own houses in order. But the problems we in the global economic picture will not be helped by smaller nations applying even more restrictive policies."

"It is, therefore, a source of concern that...small nations do carry and will have to go on carrying a much too high share of the combined external deficit of the industrial countries." Wohlin summed up a viewpoint shared by all speakers Monday when he warned that if countries resorted to protectionist measures, "we shall all be losers."

Earlier, A. W. Clausen, the new president of the World Bank, said that food, energy and sub-Saharan Africa are now the bank's top priorities. He also called for greater private efforts in helping developing nations.

Times men to discuss provisional agreement

LONDON, Sept. 30 (AP) — The fate of *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* hinged Wednesday on whether 101 rebel printers at the center of a dispute that has halted publication of both newspapers accept a provisional agreement hammered out by union leaders and Australian publisher Rupert Murdoch.

The printers, all employees of *The Sunday Times* and members of the National Graphical Association (NGA), were scheduled to meet Wednesday evening to discuss the deal reached Tuesday night.

Officials of *Times* newspapers warned that Murdoch, who saved the newspapers from bankruptcy in February, will carry out his threat to close them permanently if the NGA men reject the agreement.

London stock market
LONDON, Sept. 30 (R) — Stock prices closed mixed in moderate volume as calmer conditions returned to the market, but concern over interest rates persists, dealers said. At 1500 hours, the *Financial Times* index was down 1.8 at 479.4, having dipped to 476.2 at noon.

Leading equities closed with movements to up either way, but government bonds pared earlier falls that ranged to ½ point as money market rates came off opening firm levels, dealers added. Gold shares closed mixed after fluctuating with the bullion price and north American issues were mixed as well.

Glaxo finished 8p up at 360p, while gains of 2p to 4p were noted in ICI, BP, Hawker, Bechtel, BOC and Unilever. Plessey eased 8p to 311 and GEC shed 7p to 67.0. Thorn EMI, Bowater declined between 4p and 6p. Banks rose as much as 12p and insurances were mixed. Caterpillar fell 12p to 280 after it announced merger terms with Allen Harvey and Ross which ended 10 higher at 260p.

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U.S. economy declines in August

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 (AP) — The U.S. government's index of leading economic indicators declined 0.5 percent in August, officials reported Wednesday. It was the third drop in four months and a new sign of sluggishness in the American economy.

The index, which is designed to forecast future economic trends, had fallen 1.7 percent in May and 0.8 percent in June before rising 0.4 percent in July. July's figure earlier had been reported as a 0.6 percent and the new August result is also subject to later revision when more information is available.

The biggest factors in the August drop were a 1.5 percent increase in the labor force and a 5.3 percent decline in inflation-adjusted new factory orders for consumer goods and materials, the commerce department report said. Other indicators that showed negative results in August included building permits for future housing construction, the prices of raw materials and the inflation-adjusted value of new contracts and orders for plant and equipment.

Indicators showing improvement included stock prices, delivery performance by business vendors, an increase in total liquid assets, a rise in the average work week and increase in the money supply. The index for August stood at 133.8 percent of the 1967 average.

U.K. purchasing oil from Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 30 (R) — Mexico's state oil monopoly Pemex said it has signed two contracts to export 70,000 barrels of crude a day to Britain until the end of the year.

A press statement issued here said the contracts for the first Mexican oil exports to Britain were signed in London by Pemex head Julio Mecerzuma Cid with Shell International and British Petroleum.

No price details were mentioned, but Pemex currently sells its top quality Isthmus crude at \$34 per barrel and its heavy Maya crude at \$28.50 per barrel. It reviews its prices every three months.

The statement said the contract with Shell International calls for the initial sale of 50,000 barrels a day (bpd). From next year, the volume could be increased up to a maximum of 100,000 bpd. The other contract with British Petroleum is for 20,000 bpd, rising to 40,800 bpd from January.

London Commodities

	Wednesday	Thursday
Gold (\$ per ounce)	429.75	434.25
Silver cash (pence per ounce)	505.50	506.00
3 months	524.00	524.50
Copper cash	910.00	924.00
3 months	947.75	959.25
Tin cash	8255.00	8200.00
3 months	8255.00	8253.00
Lead cash	404.00	392.50
3 months	414.50	404.75
Zinc cash	495.00	489.00
3 months	512.50	546.50
Aluminium cash	633.00	644.00
3 months	661.25	671.50
Nickel cash	2757.50	2770.00
3 months	2865.00	2807.50
Sugar October	171.37	187.00
March	179.05	184.70
Coffee September	1076.00	1045.00
November	1088.00	1065.00
Cocoa September	1315.00	1295.00
December	1320.00	1312.00

Note: Prices in pounds per metric ton. The above prices are provided by Saudi Research & Investment Ltd., P.O. Box 6474, Tel: 6653908, Jeddah.

U.S., Soviet grain talks begin

MOSCOW, Sept. 30 (R) — A U.S. government team began talks in Moscow Wednesday on the sale of millions of tons of grain to the Soviet Union, now facing its third poor harvest in a row.

The seven-man delegation, headed by agriculture department (USDA) Under-Secretary Seeley Lodwick, met Soviet negotiators at the foreign trade ministry for what are expected to be two days of hard bargaining.

The U.S. government has said it is ready to offer Moscow at least 10 million tons of wheat and maize and as much as 1½ million. This would be in addition to a maximum of eight million tons allowed under a current U.S.-Soviet sales agreement.

U.S. farmers have had record harvests this year, while the Soviet crop, hit by drought in some areas and floods in others, is expected by experts to be the worst since the disastrous year of 1975. But U.S. officials say Moscow is likely to give a cool reception to the offer of millions of tons of additional U.S. supplies.

Economy resilient, Thatcher says

MELBOURNE, Sept. 30 (AP) — A statement by the secretary-general of the British Commonwealth that the world economy is on the verge of collapse has been rejected by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. "Do not think it wise ever to talk in terms of collapse," Thatcher said in an interview Wednesday on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. Secretary-General Shridath Ramphal of Guyana made the statement in interviews Monday.

Asked to comment, Mrs. Thatcher said the profitability of British companies "is increasing, their ability to compete is increasing and

and to try to cover its needs from non-U.S. sources.

The officials say the Soviet Union still wants revenge for the embargo on grain sales imposed by President Carter last year in retaliation for Moscow's intervention in Afghanistan. The sanctions were lifted by President Reagan last April.

USDA forecasts say the Soviet grain crop will be about 170 million tons, nearly 70 million tons below the official government target. Disappointing crops in the past two years left Moscow almost no reserves and USDA experts believe it will import a record amount this year, possibly as much as 45 million tons.

Lodwick's negotiating position has been weakened by the amounts of surplus grain available elsewhere in the world. Almost all major producing areas expect record crops. But the U.S. can still offer generally lower prices and better shipping tariffs and the decisive factor in the talks could be whether Moscow puts political or financial considerations first, U.S. sources said.

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improving and that is all to the good. And I think it is most unwise to talk in those dramatic terms."

Mrs. Thatcher said the Commonwealth heads of government meeting — which opened Wednesday had only two basic areas of discussion: economics and politics.

The British leader said she did not expect the meeting to contribute any major proposals to the North-South summit conference in Cancun, Mexico next month. "If people expect dramatic practical propositions (from Cancun) then I think they will be disappointed," she said.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.16	9.16	
Bangladesh Taka	—	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	91.00	—	—
Canadian Dollar	285.00	—	—
Denmark Mark (100)	148.00	147.50	147.00
Dutch Guilder (100)	133.00	132.10	132.10
Egyptian Pound	—	3.83	4.11
Emirate Dirham (100)	—	92.50	93.10
French Franc (100)	62.00	61.20	61.20
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	56.00	60.30
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	37.65
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Israeli Sheqel	—	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	29.00	29.50	29.10
Japanese Yen (1,000)	14.80	14.50	14.50
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.18	10.08
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.10	12.05
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	74.50	74.20
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	61.50	62.45
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.85
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	43.45
Pound Sterling	6.14	6.20	6.19
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	94.00	94.00
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	161.80
Spanish Peseta (100)	—	—	35.60
Swiss Franc (100)	170.00	173.20	172.00
Syrian Lira (100)	—	58.80	63.35
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.42	3.43	3.425
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	75.20	75.50

The above cash and transfer rates are supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for Currency Exchange & Commerce, Gabel St., Tel. 6426932, Jeddah.

Qatar makes new oil strike

DOHA, Sept. 30 (R) — The Gulf state of Qatar has found commercially viable new deposits of oil in the Gulf after the offshore Bunduq oilfield, the Qatari daily *Offshore Times* reported.

Qatari oil ministry officials were at available Wednesday to comment. The newspaper, quoting a government spokesman, gave no figures, but said the find was likely to add considerably to Qatar's 4.7 billion barrels of proved oil reserves. It added the oil was of high quality.

It said the discovery was made recently in Qatari territory adjacent to the Bunduq field, which Qatar shares with Abu Dhabi. Tests have shown the deposits are easily exploitable.

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	Drinking water project for the Houta Beni Tamim region which includes Al-Hussein, Asfal Al-Batin, Al-Fara, Quwayn, Sadr and Utayyan	18/8	1,000	26.10.81
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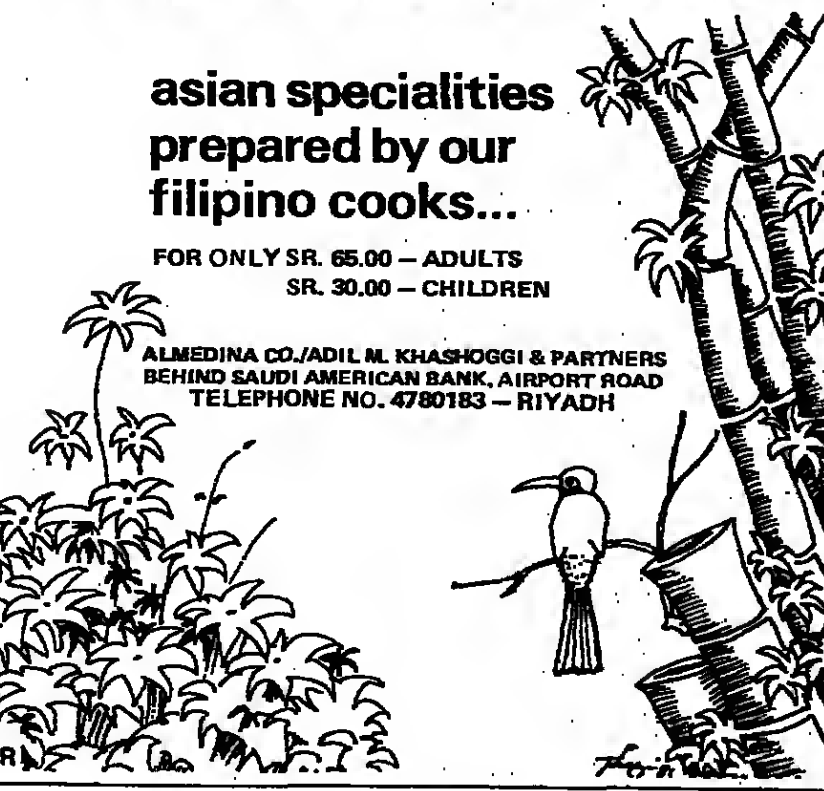
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Keen tussle for AL East honors

Tigers tear Orioles to pieces

NEW YORK, Sept. 30 (AP) — The Detroit Tigers routed the Baltimore Orioles 14-0 Tuesday night and climbed back into first place in the tight American League East race.

The Tigers moved in front by a half-game over the Milwaukee Brewers, who were beaten 7-2 by the Boston Red Sox.

Meanwhile, the Kansas City Royals maintained a 1 1/2-game lead in the AL West with a 4-2 victory over Minnesota while the second-placed Oakland A's were beating the Toronto Blue Jays 5-1.

In the National League, the St. Louis Cardinals moved back into first in the East by a

half-game with an 8-4 triumph over the Montreal Expos in a battle of front-runners.

In the West, the Houston Astros dropped their lead to 1 1/2 games after losing a 2-1 decision to San Diego while second-placed Cincinnati beat San Francisco 4-3.

The Tigers scored three unearned runs in a five-run first inning and picked up five more runs in the sixth while Jack Morris and Dave Ritzema combined on a three-hitter as the Tigers bombed the Orioles.

Rich Gedman drove in three runs with a homer and a grounder and Dave Stapleton lined two bases-empty homers as Boston trimmed Milwaukee.

George Brett's homer, triple and two runs batted in, plus the eight-hit pitching of Jim Wright led Kansas City past Minnesota. Dave McNary drove in two runs and Tom Underwood hurled a four-hitter to lead Oakland over Toronto.

Elsewhere in the NL, pinch-hitter Jack Perconte tripled in the ninth inning to score Rick Monday from first base, breaking a 3-3 tie and sending Los Angeles to a comeback 5-3 victory over Atlanta.

Left-hander Pete Falcone smacked his first major-league home run and pitched New York's first complete-game shutout this season, leading the Mets to a 7-0 victory over Philadelphia.

Pinch-hitter Willie Stargell drilled a two-run single with the bases loaded to key a four-run uprising as Pittsburgh crushed Chicago.

In other AL action, Miguel Dilone's bases-loaded grounder off the glove of New York second baseman Andre Robertson scored

two runs in the eighth to give Cleveland a 3-2 victory over the Yankees. Don Baylor hit a two-run homer to give California a 5-1 win over Chicago.

In late AL action on the West coast, Billy Sample belted a three-run homer and Doc Medich continued his pitching domination over Seattle as Texas defeated the Mariners 6-2.

Standings

American League				
	W	L	Pct	Gb
Detroit	28	20	.583	—
Milwaukee	28	21	.571	1 1/2
Boston	27	21	.563	1 1/2
Baltimore	25	22	.528	2 1/2
Cleveland	25	24	.510	3 1/2
New York	24	24	.500	4
Toronto	20	24	.455	6

West				
	W	L	Pct	Gb
Kansas City	27	21	.563	—
Oakland	24	21	.533	1 1/2
Minnesota	23	24	.469	4 1/2
Texas	21	25	.457	5
Seattle	21	27	.437	6
California	19	27	.413	7
Chicago	20	29	.408	7 1/2

Results — American League: Kansas City 4, Minnesota 2; Oakland 5, Toronto 1; Cleveland 3, New York 2; Detroit 14, Baltimore 0; California 5, Chicago 1; Boston 7, Milwaukee 2; Texas 6, Seattle 2. National League: Los Angeles 5, Atlanta 3; New York 7, Philadelphia 0; Pittsburgh 10, Chicago 6; Cincinnati 4, San Francisco 4-3; St. Louis 8, Montreal 4; San Diego 2, Houston 1.

Southampton advances on aggregate

Tottenham nets three in 12 minutes

LONDON, Sept. 30 (AFP) — Three goals in the space of 12 minutes sent Tottenham Hotspur comfortably through to the second round of the European Cup Winners' Cup Tuesday night.

Their famous Dutch rival Ajax Amsterdam, had raised slight doubts about the formality of the tie by holding the English F.A. Cup holders scoreless through the opening half but Tony Galvin eventually turned Tottenham's superiority into fact with a 69th minute goal.

That put Tottenham 3-1 winners in Amsterdam in the first leg a fortnight ago, 4-0 ahead on aggregate and home and away.

Then Mark Falco confirmed the relief felt by the 34,606 crowd when he added a second in the 76th minute.

Tottenham's Argentine star Osvaldo Ardiles made it 3-0 on the night and 6-1 on aggregate by scoring his first European goal for Spurs nine minutes from time, and a great one it was.

Fellow English First Division Club South-

ampton also gave their supporters a few anxious moments before turning their first leg lead into a second round place in the UEFA Cup.

Part-timers Limerick of Ireland showed both spirit and attacking ideas before drawing 1-1 and going out of the competition on a 4-1 aggregate. England's Kevin Keegan put Saints ahead after 63 minutes, but substitute Tony Morris equalized two minutes later.

Saints' manager Lawrie McMenemy summed the evening up perfectly. "It was Limerick's night. I think they surprised a lot of people and made us look quite ordinary at times," he said.

There was little consolation for the Linfield fans, however, as the Northern Ireland side went out of the UEFA Cup.

In Belgium, Lokeren of Belgium, who drew 1-1 in France, completed their first round UEFA Cup victory over Nantes with a 4-2 win in the second leg to go through to the second round 5-3 on aggregate.

Top stars for Dubai Grand Prix

Niki Lauda to make a comeback

PARMA, Italy, Sept. 30 (AP) — Former world Formula One champion Niki Lauda Wednesday announced that he is returning to auto racing after a two-year retirement.

The Austrian ace said he will be driving for the Italian Parmalat commercial sponsor but added he had not yet decided which team to join.

Parmalat, a dairy company of Parma which had contracted Lauda since 1974, sponsored the Brabham team this year.

Earlier this month Lauda had tested a McLaren racer on the Donington track and reportedly received a three-million bid to race with McLaren next season.

"The test with McLaren was a test for the driver Lauda, not for the racer," Lauda said in this Italian town after signing with Parmalat an extension of his original contract, expiring at the end of this year.

"I feel I could successfully return to the races. I still have a heart for driving," Lauda said. The Austrian had announced his withdrawal on Sept. 29, 1979, during trials for the Canadian Grand Prix, saying he was "tired of driving."

Meanwhile, while the auto racing world gears up for the final lap of the Formula One Championship in Las Vegas next month, the circuit is about to take a new turn and head half a world away for the desert lands of a Gulf emirate.

It will not count in the standings and at first glance appears to be little more than a glorified car show, but a British firm has managed to line up an impressive array of stars for the first "Dubai Grand Prix."

The December 4 event, unique in that



SIPPING: Former world Formula One champion, Niki Lauda, sipping mineral water after training.

region of the world is being put on the Birmingham-based "International Festival Services" and will feature several production car events and a race reserved for Aston Martins.

Among racing heavyweights invited for the estimated \$20 million event are the veteran Argentine star Manuel Fangio, last year's world champions, Australian Alan Jones, Stirling Moss of Britain, American Phil Hill and Dennis Hulme of New Zealand.

Thailand 'B' keeps lead

Medina tops in Marathon

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, Sept. 30 — Jimmy Medina of the Philippines recorded a 186 average over twelve frames to take top prize in the Marathon tournament at the Jeddah Bowling Center last week, finishing with a total pin score of 2984. Praket Sutispong of Thailand finished a close second on 2948 with fellow countryman Thawan K. downing 2887 pins for third place.

Twenty-six competitors entered the three-week tourney, bringing together most of Jeddah's top bowlers and the excitement lasted until the very last game. Although Medina held the lead when play moved into the final session, Sutispong had closed the gap on Medina from 100 after the first round, to 83 at the start of the third, and the final gap was only 36 pins. The scene must be set for a rematch.

In the Inter-Diplomatic League, the Thailand "B" team continues to head the table,

which is perhaps not surprising: Sutispong and Thawan are both in that team. The Philippine No. 1 team has split the Thai domination, however, moving into third spot and pushing the Thai "A" team into fourth place. The British team continues at the bottom.

In the Tuesday League, Costain Few moved to the top with a 5-0 aggregate as Tae Britais dropped a game last week and held a 7-1 score in second spot. Dania, last season's winner, moved up to fourth place and look sure to contend the title again. However, TAE Britais still top the Saturday League, although the first four teams all hold a 6-2 aggregate. TAE hold the highest pin count with Jeddah Panthers, Bears of Lapland, and the CD's in close contention.

JBC is scheduled to re-open Saturday after a week long-fare lift operation, and will see the start of a new Wednesday League. The league is already full and fourteen teams will fight it out for trophies.

Seoul gets Summer, Calgary Winter

BADEN-BADEN, Germany, Sept. 30 (AP) — Seoul, capital of South Korea, was chosen Wednesday as host city of the Summer Olympics of 1988 and Calgary, Canada, was elected as the host of the 1988 Winter Games.

Seoul won an astonishing victory over its rival Nagoya, the industrial city in western Japan which was rated a runaway favorite a few months ago. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) in a secret ballot gave 52 votes to Seoul and 27 to Nagoya.

Calgary was also a firm winner over its rivals, Falun in Sweden and Cortina D'Ampezzo in Italy.

The first round of voting gave 35 to Calgary, 25 to Falun and 18 to Cortina. The Italian Alpine resort was then eliminated and on the second ballot Calgary got 48 votes and Falun 31.

South Korea is the first developing country ever to be chosen to host the Games. Seoul was seen as the underdog for most of this year, since a third candidate, Melbourne, withdrew.

But in the last two months IOC members and leaders of the International Sports Federations have returned from Seoul full of enthusiasm for the sports facilities in the little Asian country.

Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the IOC, announced the result of the election. Seoul's delegation sat quietly as the result of the voting on the Summer Games was announced. But the Nagoya team immediately turned round and shook their heads.

Calgary reacted differently, as Samaranch announced the name of the host city, the whole Calgary team jumped from their seats and danced with delight around Mayor Ralph Klein.

Sang-Ho cho, president of the Korean National Olympic Committee, commented:



Juan Antonio Samaranch

"This will be a wonderful incentive for the youth of our country. They will know that we are hosting the Olympics, and that will give them new enthusiasm for participating in sports."

The IOC remained faithful to its principles of sending the Olympic Games around the world as much as possible.

Japan's disadvantage was that it had staged the Games twice in recent years—the Summer Games in Tokyo in 1964 and the Winter Games in Sapporo in 1972. Korea has never had them.

The International Olympic Committee's pick of Calgary to host the Winter Olympic was a victory over IOC resentment of Canada for boycotting the 1980 Moscow Olympics.

Calgary Olympic Development Association (CODA) Chairman Frank King had said confidently before the vote, "1980 is behind us. The sportsmen have already been

punished."

He was right. Calgary won over Falun (Sweden) and Cortina D'Ampezzo (Italy), which hosted the 1956 Winter Games.

Previously neither Canada nor Sweden, two of the greatest winter sports countries in the world, had ever hosted a Games and the disappointment for the Falun delegation, making their sixth bid, was very great.

Falun's bid was crippled by the technical problem that its Alpine skiing site in Are was 400 km (248 miles) from the rest of the facilities in Falun.

Cortina, an excellent candidate with a full range of ski, bobsled and skating installations, suffered from the simple fact that the 1984 Olympics will be held in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia and the IOC believes in spreading the Games from one continent to another.

But Calgary had to overcome the mood, expressed early at the opening of the 11th Olympic Congress here last week, that Olympic competitors were hurt in 1980 "by the ill-advised, unprepared action of the President of the United States of America who endeavored to sabotage the Olympic Games in Moscow," in the words of former IOC head Lord Killanin.

Calgary, in the Canadian Rockies, 3,438 feet high, was until 1875 no more than a trading post on the banks of the river bow. It is now the headquarters of Canada's petroleum industry, with a population of 600,000 which could be a million by 1988.

Calgary is a center of winter sport and staged the World Figure Skating Championships in 1972, a World Cup Alpine Race at Lake Louise in 1980 and other world winter sports events.

Meanwhile, South Korea has been working to become a capital of world sport. It hosted the second Asian Athletics Championships in 1975, the 42nd World Shooting Championships in 1978, and the eighth Women's World Basketball Championships in 1979, all in Seoul.

Merano set for World Chess match

MERANO, Italy, Sept. 30 (AP) — The Soviet side agreed Tuesday to let Victor Korchnoi use the Swiss flag in the World Championship match against world champion Anatoly Karpov, organizers announced.

Karpov's delegation also agreed to let Korchnoi use the Swiss national anthem in the opening ceremonies in what World Chess Federation President Fridrik Olafsson of Iceland called "an exceptional gesture by the Soviets."

The organizers told a press conference after a two-hour meeting that the negotiations went smoothly, in marked contrast to the bitter disputes during the 1978 championship in the Philippines. Karpov took the title in that tournament after three months of play. "I must say we are very happy we reached this conclusion," Olafsson said.

In the only other major question to be resolved, Korchnoi's team agreed to Karpov's request that a wooden barrier be placed under the chess table separating the two men. Karpov had complained that Korchnoi's nervous thumping of his feet had distracted him in previous matches.

The Swiss chess delegation officially made the request for use of their flag and anthem on behalf of Korchnoi, who has lived in their country since defecting in 1976.

Technically, the rules require that a player must be a citizen of the country of the flag he uses. In the Philippines, Korchnoi used the flag of the International Chess Federation (FIDE). He used a passage from Beethoven's ninth symphony as his national anthem.

The winner will be the first player to win six games. In the Philippines, Karpov won 6 to 5. The two players drew 21 times.

The latest addition to Korchnoi's camp is Argentine judo expert, whom aides say is only a close friend and not a bodyguard. During the Philippines tournament, Korchnoi expressed fears that the KGB might try to harm him.

The organizers said Korchnoi had wanted a bulletproof glass shield built to protect him while he was playing. But they said he did not press the issue in the negotiations because he knew Karpov would object.

Korchnoi boycotted a meeting with reporters Wednesday to protest against an attack on him by the official Soviet news agency Tass. The Tass report of an article in the newspaper *Soviet Sport* described Korchnoi as bitter and vengeful.

A statement read on his behalf by his press representative, Edward Szein, said Korchnoi had also received bad news about his son Igor who is serving a 30-month prison sentence in a Siberian labor camp. His wife Bella had told him by telephone from Leningrad that she had recently visited Igor and found his situation "very, very bad."

Szein said: "The details which he have received have crushed him." But Alban Brodbeck, Korchnoi's delegation chief, said the challenger intended to go ahead with his match.

Pakistan poised for big victory

HYDERABAD, Pakistan, Sept. 30 (AP) — Pakistan moved in sight of victory in its second unofficial "Test" against an international eleven after the home spinners destroyed the visitors' second innings at the Niaz Stadium Tuesday.

Left-arm leg-spinner Iqbal Qasim and off-spinner Ejaz Fakir ran through the international second innings which stood at 139 for nine at close of third day's play in a five-day match.

Pakistan gained the match winning 107 runs first innings lead when they scored 335 in first knock earlier in the day.

The home team is within an easy grasp of the match. Barring the unpredictable, Pakistan should win the match long before the lunch interval on the fourth day Wednesday.

The international eleven had scored 228 in its first innings and Pakistan 335 runs.

Kallicharran for S. Africa

Meanwhile, West Indies cricket star Alvin Kallicharran has signed a contract to play in South Africa for two years, a spokesman for the Transvaal Cricket Council said Wednesday.

Kallicharran, 31, will play for the Koinoor Crescents in the Transvaal Provincial League, and will coach youngsters from all racial groups. Colin Bryden told the Associated Press. He was scheduled to arrive in South Africa on Thursday.

Bryden said he did not believe there had been any pressure on Kallicharran to reject the offer by groups that oppose the racial separation policies of the white minority government here.

Kallicharran is a 1.65-meter left-hander who is great at the hook shot. He began playing for the West Indies in 1971. Kallicharran, from Guyana, currently is representing Warwickshire in the English County Champion-

BRIEFS

MEXICO CITY, (AP) — Sugar Ray Leonard won the World Boxing Council's boxer of the month honor Tuesday for successfully defending his welterweight title Sept. 16 against Thomas Hearns.

DUBLIN, (AFP) — The United States and England, yet to drop a point, powered through to the last day of the preliminary round in the team Golf Junior World Cup at Portmarnock Tuesday. The United States now faces Japan, England play West Germany, Spain play Italy and Scotland tackle Ireland in Wednesday's quarterfinals.

PALAMOS, Spain, (AFP) — The Hungarian crew followed the Soviet competitors and withdrew from the World Flying Dutchman Championships here Tuesday in protest against three South African boats competing in the yachting regatta. Savelli and Gazzei of Italy won the third heat to move to second overall behind the West German Batzli brothers, fourth Tuesday.

JOHANNESBURG, (AP) — South

Africa's national rugby team got an enthusiastic welcome home Tuesday from 5,000 wildly cheering fans after a two-month, violence-marred tour of New Zealand and America. The fans waved placards reading "welcome home, heroes" and "we love you rugby heroes" as the team members got off the plane.

GEFCEES, West Germany, (AFP) — Polish motorcycle triallist Adam Kowalczyk, 21, took advantage of the last stage of the World Motorcycle Championships here on Sunday to defect to the west, informed sources said. Kowalczyk left a farewell letter in his hotel room informing his decision to the chief of the Polish team.

PERTH, (AFP) — Australian cricket captain Kim Hughes is analyzing special film shot in a bid to isolate the fault in his batting technique which bedeviled him during the recent England tour. The footage has been taken here during practice over the past few days.

Two more seeds make exit from Madrid tourney

MADRID, Sept. 30 (AFP) — Two more seeded players crashed out of the \$75,000 Madrid Grand Prix tennis tournament in the first round here Tuesday.

Czechoslovakia's Tomas Smid went down to Anders Jarryd of Sweden 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 and Balazs Taroczy won only three games in his match against Ray More of South Africa. Monday the second seed, Victor Pecci, bowed out.

In other matches, Anders Gomes of Ecuador beat Stanilov Birner of Czechoslovakia 6-4, 6-3; Jaime Fillol of Chile beat D. Perez of Uruguay 6-2, 6-3 and Ray Moore beat Balazs Taroczy of Hungary 6-3, 6-0.

In Bloomington, Minnesota, Tracy Austin opened her account in the \$75,000 Women's Grand Prix tournament Tuesday when she defeated fellow American Beth Norton 6-1, 6-0.

Other first round scores: Martina Navratilova (US) beat Betty Stove (Netherlands) 6-3, 6-4; Anne Smith (US) beat Rosie Casals (US) 6-3, 7-6.

Connors pulls out

Meanwhile, Jimmy Connors sent tournament officials of the \$175,000 Australian Indoor Tennis Championships into a spin Wednesday when he pulled out of the tournament. Connors, a dual champion of the event, has been suffering from a mystery illness for the last two months and called tournament director, Graham Lovett, advising him that he could not compete in the event.

"Connors was to be the No. 2 seed behind Wimbledon and U.S. champions John McEnroe," Lovett said. "I understand he has been to hospital for tests and will be out of the game for at least a month."

Connors' withdrawal means a reshuffle in the eight seeds for the tournament announced Wednesday. Bjorn Borg this week announced that he was giving up tennis for four months.

McEnroe, the defending indoor champion, is the top seed, and is followed by fellow Americans Roscoe Tanner (2), Elliot Telcher (3) and Brian Tencher (4).

Australia's Peter McNamara is seeded five, and then follows another indoor champion, American Vitas Gerulaitis (6), Paraguay's Victor Pecci (7) and Australian Kim Warwick now comes in as the eighth seed.

Competitors on the international circuit regard the Australian Indoor Championships as one of the top five events in the world outside the Grand Slam Championships of Wimbledon, the French and U.S. Opens.

McEnroe, because of contractual endorsements with the Dunlop Racket Company from which he receives \$1.5 million over five years, has pledged that he will play one tournament in Australia each year.

Seven of the top 13 competitors in the world will play in the event which runs from October 12 through October 18.



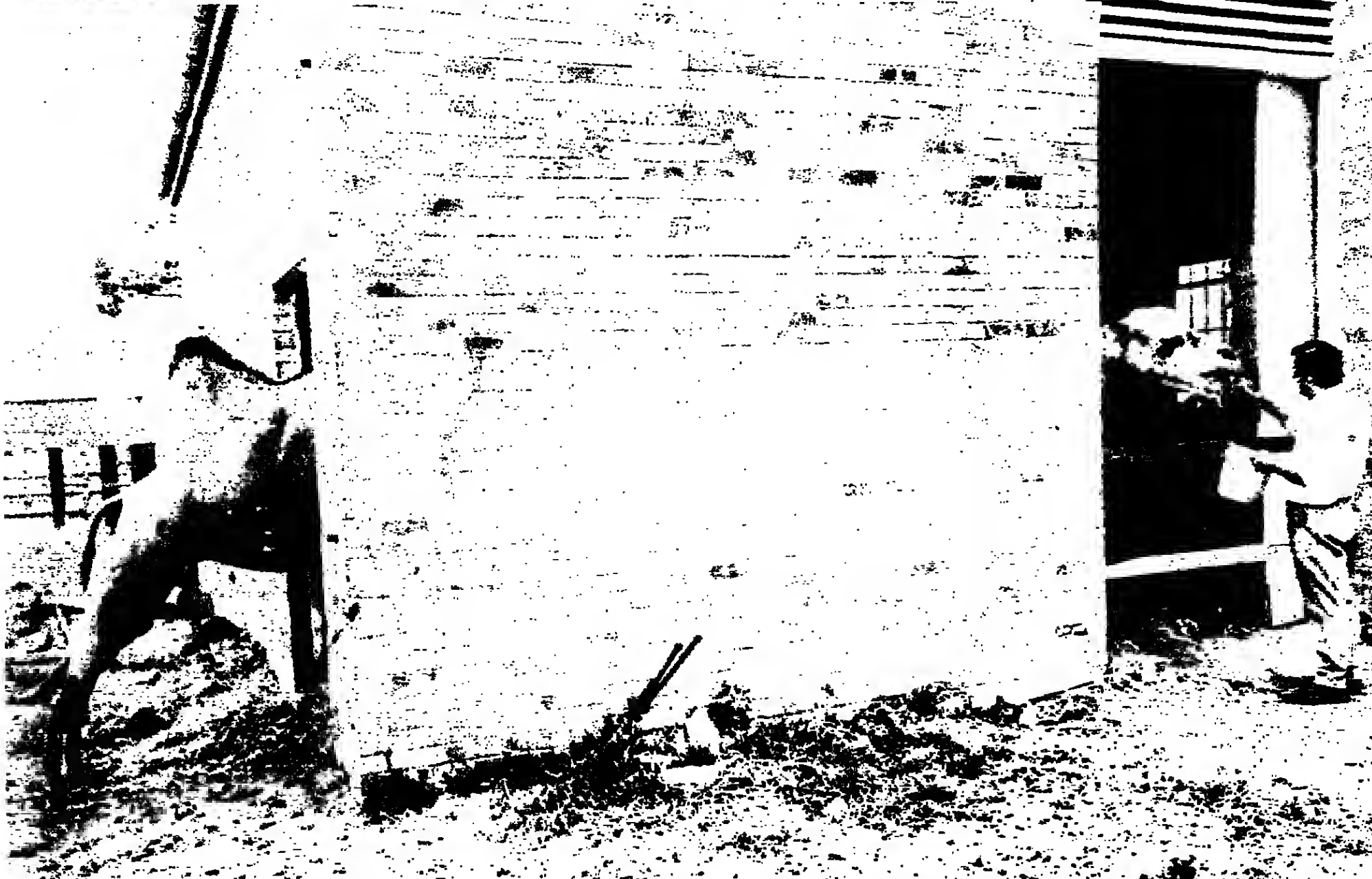
PINMAN: Thawan K. rolls down a strike on his way to third place in the JBC Marathon.



CONDOLENCES: Memorial service in Tokyo for 257 animals that died during the last year at Ueno Zoo. An orangutang and pony, representing the animal community, were joined by Japanese animal lovers at the ceremony. A week for the prevention of cruelty to animals followed.



SHADY ELEPHANT: This well-looked after elephant at the Marine World Zoo near San Francisco, California has his own umbrella to help shade him from the hot afternoon sun.



LARGEST CAMEL: This camel at Britain's Robert Brother's Zoo seems to be concealing an elongated secret. People passing by this portion of the zoo wonder if a camel can stretch itself that long.



DEARS: These two white-tailed deer fawns anxiously await the return of their mother in a wooded area in Michigan.



A NEW GNI: This white-bearded gnu and her newborn offspring is a prime attraction at the San Diego Zoo in California. They are seen here enjoying the burning sun. The baby is only four days old.



THIRSTY LIONS: This photo taken at Etosha National Park in Namibia illustrates that lions often live together as a family. Lions spend as many as 21 hours a day resting or sleeping. When they are awake, lions have huge appetites eating between 60 and 80 pounds (23-38 kilos) of meat at one sitting.

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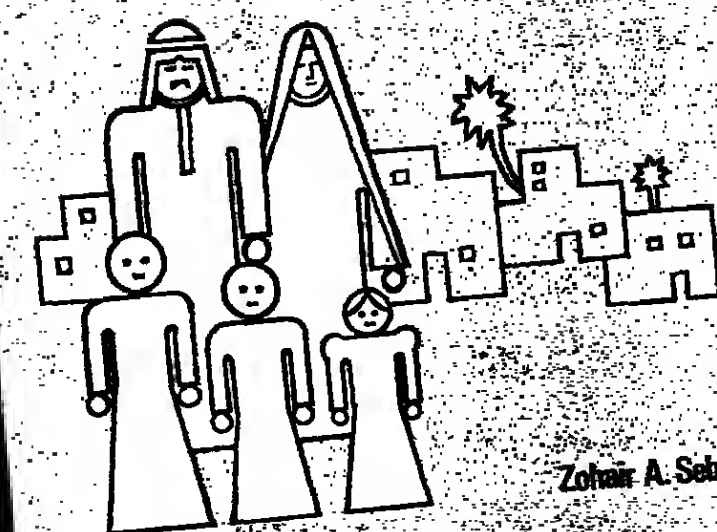
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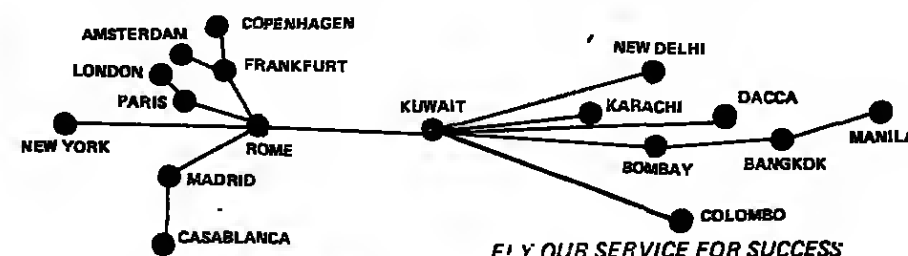


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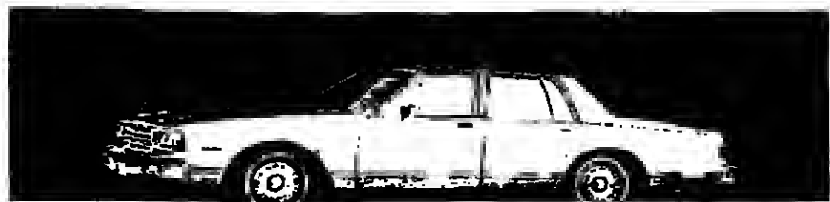
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Hostages freed unharmed

Hijackers seized in daring Pakistani action

LAHORE, Sept. 30 (AP) — Five Indian Sikh extremists armed with knives were captured and 44 hostages freed unharmed Wednesday morning when Pakistani commandos dressed as airline sweepers stormed a hijacked Indian domestic airliner here, a Pakistani official said.

Punjab province Chief Secretary M. S. Chaudhry said there were no casualties in the action which ended in a matter of minutes. Seven members of the elite Special Services Group (SSG) of the Pakistan Army, dressed in dirty white overalls and armed with pistols, entered the plane and quickly overpowered the hijackers, an official spokesman said.

The first wave was immediately followed by 25 other commandos similarly attired, he said. All of the 38 passengers and six crew members are in "good spirit," the spokesman added.

The rescue operation occurred two hours and 15 minutes before the 10 a.m. (0500 GMT) deadline set by the sky pirates, said to be armed with at least one hand grenade. They demanded \$500,000, the release of jailed Khalistan (Sikh nation) independence movement members and a news conference.

The Indian Airlines Boeing 737 was seized Tuesday afternoon while on an internal flight

from New Delhi to Srinagar via Amritsar and held nearly 19 hours at Lahore airport before the successful rescue.

An official announcement said, "Pakistani commandos in a daring attempt at 0745 this morning overpowered the five hijackers of the Indian Airlines Boeing 737 and secured the release of all the passengers and crew still on board along with the hijacked aircraft. There were no casualties."

The successful Pakistani commando

India seeks captors' return

NEW DELHI, Sept. 30 (AP) — India has asked Pakistan to return the five Sikh extremists captured Wednesday at Lahore, a government spokesman said. No reply has been received yet, he added.

India and Pakistan do not have an extradition treaty but both are members of the ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization) and the ICAO anti-hijack agreements providing that captured sky pirates should be put on trial either in the country of origin or capture.

Asked if Indian authorities had agreed

action was carried out two hours and 15 minutes before the deadline set by the Indian hijackers of the aircraft," it added.

An official source said that one of the hijackers received a black eye during a brief scuffle with members of the SSG anti-terrorist squad. The Pakistani government statement indicated that Indian authorities were not informed of the rescue operation in advance.

The daring swoop carried out by the

commandos (was undertaken) entirely on the initiative of the government of Pakistan," it said. There was praise by India's ambassador to Pakistan, K. Narwar Singh, who issued his own statement expressing his country's gratitude for the "swift and accurate" operation.

Negotiations with the hijackers broke off at 1 a.m. (2000 GMT) but were to resume at 8 a.m. (0300 GMT), just two hours before the deadline. Pakistani officials reported. One of the turbaned hijackers cut himself in the arm with his dagger and told the hostages, "Now you know we mean business," a freed passenger said. Indian and Western diplomatic sources said the people allowed to leave the airplane included all the non-Indian passengers.

Indian police officials in New Delhi told reporters that Sikh passengers are permitted to carry daggers, known as kirpans and considered sacred to their religion.

When the first batch of freed passengers returned early Wednesday to New Delhi aboard another jetliner sent for them, one, Brian Williams, said he was angry that authorities allowed the hijackers to carry daggers onto the plane. "I am a very, very angry British national," Williams said.

Iraq claims inflicting heavy losses on Iranians

BEIRUT, Sept. 30 (R) — Iraq said Wednesday it had inflicted heavy losses on Iranian troops in a weekend battle round the devastated Iranian refining town of Abadan, despite pulling back its invasion forces to the west of the strategic Karun River.

Iran said Sunday it had driven the Iraqis back across the river in a surprise attack that broke the year-long siege of Abadan in the southwestern oil-producing province of Khuzestan. Iraq admitted it had pulled back across the Karun but said its forces were still attacking Abadan, which has been a key target since the war started a year ago.

A statement from the Iraqi military command Wednesday said more than 2,700 Iranians were killed and dozens of tanks were destroyed in the battle round Abadan. Explaining the reasons behind the Iraqi withdrawal from the desert and palm groves past of the town, an Iraqi military spokesman said: "Our war tactics provide that we do not retain land when the price to be paid is incompatible (with the objectives)."

The spokesman, quoted by the official Iraqi News Agency (INA), described the battle fought by Iraqi forces as honorable. "It will not be the last," he said. Earlier the Iraqis said the offensive had broken the backbone of the Iraqi Army, knocked out an entire division and represented a major victory in the war.

But the Iraqi spokesman said the Iraqis had suffered "huge and extraordinary losses, which do not compare at all with the aim the enemy hoped to achieve in the battle." Despite the pullout, Iraqi forces still hold large chunks of Khuzestan province, including the cargo port of Khorramshahr, just north of Abadan.

The Iraqi high command said Monday its forces could return when necessary to the east bank of the Karun, which flows into disputed Shatt Al-Arab estuary at the head of the Gulf. Iraq launched the conflict with Iran to retake what it called "usurped" territory, to secure full control of the Shatt and force Tehran to return to Arab control three Gulf islands seized by the late Shah in 1971.

In Tehran, Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini, paid tribute Wednesday to the four leading military officials who died earlier Wednesday when a plane carrying them back from a major victory against Iraq crashed just 10 kms (six miles) from Tehran.

"Even though we lost valorous companions, we will persist toward our goal," Ayatollah Khomeini said in the message, portions of which were broadcast by Radio Tehran. "Now the Iranian people and particularly the army must pursue the war by doubling their efforts, to create new victories on the front and behind it."

The four who died in the crash were armed forces Chief of Staff Gen. Vahid Fakhri, Defense Minister Musa Namjoo, former defense minister and chief of staff adviser, Col. Javad Fakuri, and a ranking revolutionary guard official.

Meanwhile, the Iranian news agency Pars reported Wednesday that Kermanshah provincial Deputy Governor, Majid Haddad-Adel was killed Tuesday by an Iraqi rocket while he and a group of Iranian and foreign journalists were touring the southern war front. Haddad-Adel was in Darkhovin, along the Karun River, when the Katyusha rocket struck, Pars said.

Iraqis to leave India

NEW DELHI, Sept. 30 (AP) — Iraqi Embassy personnel who shot at a group of Iranian protesters here last week will return to Baghdad on the first available Iraqi Airways flight, Ambassador Fadhil S. M. Al-Azzawi said Wednesday.

The decision followed strong criticism by the Indian government of what it called the "unacceptable behavior" of the Iraqis in last Friday's shooting and rock-throwing fracas near the Iraqi Embassy. At least 10 persons were wounded.

Al-Azzawi said the number of Iraqis involved still was not known.

Good start with Soviets made, America believes

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 30 (AP) — The Reagan administration believes it has made a good start on a firm and consistent relationship with the Soviet Union aimed at producing acceptable Soviet behavior around the world, a senior administration official said Wednesday.

"We are serious about seeking specific solutions to specific problems," said the official. Both sides are prepared to talk on all issues. He said the administration does not expect changes in Soviet behavior to occur overnight, declaring there aren't "excessive expectations or naïveté" in the U.S. approach.

"It's clear that the process begun will not be easy. It will be long and perhaps tedious. It will require continuing high level of Western unity and perhaps, above all, continuing manifestation of the United States will to correct its military deficiencies," he said.

He said two developments have marked the start of the new approach. One was President Ronald Reagan's letter to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev last week in which Reagan urged mutual respect for the legitimate interests of each nation.

The other was Secretary of State Alexander Haig's nine hours of talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko at the United Nations. They met for five hours Monday and four hours the previous Wednesday and have arranged to meet again early next year.

The senior administration official, who also is a senior official in the State Department, told reporters that the meetings were successful as an exchange of views by the two countries.

He said Haig told Gromyko the United States "cannot continue to accept recent patterns of Soviet international behavior."



FLOWERS FOR WALESA: Solidarity leader Lech Walesa receives flowers from his fellow Polish trade unionists Tuesday, his 38th birthday. But the happy occasion was marred when the Solidarity congress adopted a resolution reproaching him for compromising with the government.

Solidarity split on management law

GDANSK, Poland, Sept. 30 (Agencies) — The Solidarity congress appeared divided Wednesday as it prepared to accept or reject the Communist government's worker-management law. The congress voted Tuesday to reprimand Lech Walesa and two other leaders for agreeing to the law adopted by the Polish parliament last week. But the resolution also agreed that their decision was necessary.

It was not clear how the congress would vote on a resolution approving the law, which allows the workers to participate with the government in the naming of factory managers. The union during the first part of its congress three weeks ago demanded that it alone appoint the managers.

Walesa and the two other members of the union's presidium were censured by a vote of 348-189 for "violating the principles of union democracy." The congress objected because the three agreed to less than the congress demanded without gaining the approval of a majority of the 11-member presidium. However, the resolution accepted Wal-

esa's explanation "that making the decision was a result of the need to assume an attitude before the Sejm (parliament) session."

Referring to a power struggle raging at the top of Solidarity he said: "There are some amongst us who promote their own interests. We and time will eliminate them." He added: "I will not allow the movement to be overcome either by the church, by KOR (a dissolved dissident group), by the party or even by my closest relatives — my own wife and children."

Walesa's main rival for the leadership, which will be decided in the next few days, is his second-in-command Awdziej Gwiazda. Tuesday night Gwiazda said of the congress's reprimand: "The congress has appropriately assessed Walesa's activities in connection with this compromise."

At the same time, the congress approved the general performance of the presidium. Walesa said that after the congress adjourns next week, the union will have a program, will have newly-elected leaders and "people who should not be in this movement will be gone."

Handling neutron issue

NATO chief assails U.S.

LONDON, Sept. 30 (AP) — Joseph Luns, secretary-general of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Wednesday strongly criticized the United States for its handling of a decision to produce neutron weapons and for not being sufficiently sensitive to European concerns over the nuclear arms race.

Luns, the top civilian official of the 15-nation alliance, said divisions within NATO are "not completely the doing of overly timid Europeans. Washington has also contributed to the problem."

"In all frankness, the recent enhanced radiation (neutron) warhead production decision was not an example of tact in the conduct of international relations, Luns, of the Netherlands, was speaking to the annual assembly of the Atlantic Treaty Association, a private group supporting the alliance.

President Ronald Reagan last month decided to produce neutron warheads and stockpile them in the United States for possible future use in Western Europe to counteract a massive Soviet advantage in tanks. The weapon is designed to immobilize

advancing battlefield armor, while doing only limited blast damage to surrounding areas. Some observers feel the weapon would lower the threshold of all-out nuclear war. Some allied officials have complained privately that the United States went ahead with the neutron warhead decision without full consultation with its European allies.

Continuing his criticism of the United States, Luns said: "The new U.S. administration has tended to be too lax in putting its positive interest in effective arms control across in public. It has allowed the impression, albeit false, to grow that it is reluctant to pursue the subject and is preoccupied with the pursuit of military supremacy. If not corrected, such an image can in its own way be just as harmful to trans-Atlantic harmony as the appearance of excessive European devotion to arms control at the expense of maintaining a stout defense."

"The Americans should not allow themselves to be seen in Europe as less interested in the opportunities for arms control than the Europeans, just as Europeans should not be seen in the United States as blind to its pitfalls."

After considerable pressure from the Europeans, the United States agreed with the Soviet Union to begin negotiations Nov. 30 in Geneva for reduction of nuclear missiles for use in the European theater.

Luns said he did not fully agree with a "gloom analysis" of the rifts within the alliance, but he said "there is no denying that the newly reassertive spirit in America, with all its emphasis on bold foreign policy initiatives and heavy defense expenditures, finds much popular sentiment in Europe moving in very different or, in some cases, wholly opposite directions. The revival of European appeals for unilateral nuclear disarmament is a striking example."

Both Luns and U.S. Gen. Bernard W. Rogers, supreme allied commander in Europe, deplored calls for unilateral nuclear disarmament and other current European arguments which tend to split the alliance.

Rogers told the assembly: "There is a great deal of discussion these days about what is perceived as West European pacifism, neutralism or even unilateral disarmament. As for unilateral disarmament, it would be nothing short of a recipe for being bullied and coerced, with a consequent early surrender of national independence and the ultimate sacrifice of the individual freedoms that set us apart from the totalitarian regimes of the Soviet bloc."

NATO decided in 1979 to modernize its European nuclear defenses with 572 U.S. Cruise and Pershing II nuclear missiles, in the face of deployment by the Soviet Union of its potent SS-20 missile. Some Europeans feel the United States is trying to move an eventual nuclear conflict to the European continent, to spare the United States.

Rogers said: "let me state it plainly: American deployment of Pershing II and Cruise missiles is not some grand scheme to try to restrict nuclear war to Europe. Rather, it represents a fundamental strengthening of the coupling of U.S. central strategic nuclear systems to European security, thereby bolstering deterrence." By strategic systems, Rogers meant intercontinental-range missiles.

Guillotine abolished

PARIS, Sept. 30 (AFP) — A 189-year-old tradition ended Wednesday when the French Senate voted by a show of hands to scrap the guillotine. The proposal to abolish the death penalty has already won the support of parliament's lower house, and now it only remains for President Francois Mitterrand to finalize the decision.

After a long debate, and a call for the death penalty to be retained for old offenders, for the murder of police or abduction of minors, the decision was approved by 161 votes to 126. The six men currently under the death sentence in France will now serve life imprisonment. The last person executed was murderer and torturer Amida Djandoubi, who died in 1977.

France was the last European country to carry out executions, although Belgium, Greece and the Irish Republic still have the death penalty on their statute books. Abolition was a theme of President Mitterrand's election campaign, but opinion polls have shown that 62 percent of French would like capital punishment retained.

The guillotine was introduced in the first years of the French Revolution as a more humane method than the executioner's axe. The first call to abolish it was made in 1793. There have been 200 crimes theoretically punishable by death, but in the last two decades the guillotine has been used only for particularly repugnant offenses.

The guillotine was used only 17 times under the current Fifth Republic since its foundation in 1958. Justice Minister Robert Badinter has said its abolition is the first step toward a reform of the concept of justice in France. He has told parliament he will present a reformed penal code next year.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazze

From time to time, this column takes it upon itself to delve into the realms of science on your behalf, and to emerge from thence with such gems of wisdom as it chances upon. All free of charge of course. Our reward is merely your enlightenment.

It is in this spirit that we present the results of a research which came our way, concerned with the phenomenon of the "Second Child", and the wherefore and why's of the same.

Now everyone who has more than one child has a second child. (Unless of course you have twins or triplets or quintuplets. But here too one of such must come first, one second and so forth. But let that pass.) Anyway, here is this lady scientist who has made it her life's work to study first and second children, and the results she came up with are of some interest.

Now you and I might think that each child develops his or her character in their own way. That their placing in the order of their birth has no real value. But there, you and I would be wrong.

The scientist has found that if a family is to have a creative or talented child, then it is more likely to be the second of its children. (Sorry, all you first borns, now you know why junior has made it while you told to no apparent avail.)

Not that the first child is quite without worth. In fact, firstborn tend to be quite sterling in character, but somewhat, if you will forgive the expression, plodding. In the words of the scientist — they are "serious, conservative, practical and (rather inconsistently, to my mind) shy." Quite a dependable sort of bird, in fact. First-rate.

Yet here is the second child: "Joyful, easy to befriend, confident in dealing with people, diplomatic and independent in character." In other words, loads of fun while the going is good, and when it isn't, here is always of course old dependable — the firstborn — to borrow the odd ten bucks from or to provide the alibi.

I see I have embellished somewhat. But that's only to be expected, scientists are expected to formulate their views far too cautiously (firstborn people to a man or woman of course.) But you get my drift.

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